

ROUNDTABLE MEETING  
March 30, 2007

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a roundtable meeting at 7:15 a.m. on Friday, March 30, 2007 at the West River Community Center.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Mike Lefor, John Gaffaney, Carol Herauf, Kelly Cooper and Scott Kovash. Also present were Director James Kramer, Recreation/Facilities Manager Kevin Klipfel, Facility Operations Manager Bob Faulhaber, Attorney Mary Nordsven and Leah Hoenke, Clerk.

Dickinson Girls Fastpitch Softball Association - Scott LaFond was present to introduce the recently formed Dickinson Girls Fastpitch Softball Association and to request advertising signs to be put up at the North Complex. Scott LaFond explained that the organization will be playing their games at the North Complex and stated that the staff of Dickinson Parks & Recreation has been very helpful in scheduling fields and games at the complex and in any other areas they have needed help in. Scott LaFond said that the association would like to be able to sell advertising signs at the North Complex. Director James Kramer stated that due to the North Complex being on Dickinson Public School District property that he would have to review the agreement with the school district and said he would make a phone call to the Superintendent. President Mike Lefor inquired as to what age group the association plans to market. Scott LaFond stated that they have opened it to ages 8 to 18 and will see what they get for numbers. He said that as of now it looks like they will be able to offer a program to the younger age group. Director Kramer stated that we currently offer a t-ball program up to age 7 and that we will not be offering our girls 8-12 softball program, but will still offer our Teen Travel Squad for ages 13-16. President Mike Lefor thanked Scott LaFond for attending and wished their organization the best of luck and offered Dickinson Parks & Recreation's support in any way possible.

Patterson Lake Trail Grant - (Attachments #1) - Director James Kramer explained that Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson applied for a Department of Transportation grant to construct a trail out to Patterson Lake. Director Kramer stated that Gene Jackson of KLJ is trying to get the Park Board and Stark County to match the grant. Director Kramer said that he is meeting with Stark County on Tuesday to see if they have an interest in the project. Director Kramer said that the trail will begin at the Intersection of State Avenue and Palm Beach Road and end at the entrance of Patterson Lake. The project total cost will be \$450,000 with 80% being Federal share and local share would cost approximately \$154,000. Director Kramer said that this trail was a part of our original trails master plan and will be a great addition to our current master plan. Director Kramer stated that the funding is not needed until 2008 which gives us time to add it to next year's budget. He also said that due to parts of the trail located on Bureau of Reclamation land that the Bureau is interested in some cost sharing. Discussion was held on any liability issues with the trail next to the railroad tracks. Attorney Mary Nordsven stated that the liability is diminished with fencing between the railroad track and the trail. Commissioner Carol Herauf stated that the trail out to Patterson Lake will be nice to see.

Summer Meeting Schedule - (Attachment #2) - Director Kramer provided the Board with a new meeting schedule for the summer months. He said that we will move the regular meetings to 8:00 a.m. and leave the roundtable meetings as they are. Commissioner Carol Herauf made a motion to move the regular meetings to 8:00 a.m. for the months of June, July and August. Motion duly seconded by Commissioner Kelly Cooper. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

Discussion New/Old Business - Director Kramer gave an update on the golf course irrigation system. He said that the project is moving quickly and so far United Golf is doing a nice job. He said that the bulk of the work will be finished by the end of May. He also mentioned the architect comes out every Tuesday and so far has been very visible. Director Kramer reported that all of the work from the previous two years of insurance claims has now been completed.

There being no further business to come before the Board Commissioner John Gaffaney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 a.m. Motion duly seconded by Commissioner Kelly Cooper. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

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Clerk

APPROVED BY:

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President