

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at West Fargo City Hall. Members present were: Sharon Odegaard, Denise Johnson, and Kathy Scully. Commissioners Todd Rheault and Jeff McCracken were absent. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Odegaard.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the order of the agenda with the following changes:

Addition – The Wilds (Nate Vollmuth)
Deletion – NDRPA Economic Study

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioners Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Approve Bills - \$318,407.98
Monthly Report

Commissioners Johnson, Scully, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Craig Johnson (West Fargo VFW) formally requested that the new pool to be named The Veterans Memorial Pool. Director Erbstoesser recapped the sub-committee meeting which involved this topic. The sub-committee (included Commissioners Rheault and Scully) recommended an agreement should be created. Key points in this agreement would be a good faith contribution statement, a renewal term of every five years, and acknowledgement of the VFW's financial support over the years. Director Erbstoesser said an agreement would be presented at the February Park Board meeting.

Nate Vollmuth (Paces Lodging) discussed The Wilds 6th addition. Mr. Vollmuth was seeking approval of The Wilds 6th addition plat. Commissioner Odegaard was alarmed that

the Park Board had not seen this plan until now. Director Erbstoesser recommended extending park land west (of the elementary school) about one acre. There are potential issues with park land (southeast) in the master plan of The Wilds. This area is not platted at this time.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve The Wilds 6th addition with Block 1 Lots 3-8 converted into additional park land. Commissioners Scully, Johnson, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Business Manager Germundson presented the new pool policies and fees. Business Manager Germundson recapped the sub-committee meeting which involved this topic. The sub-committee (included Commissioners Rheault and Scully) reviewed policies and fees from the surrounding area.

Business Manager Germundson recommended the following pool fees for 2014:

Session Fee:	\$2.00
Session Fee with Slide:	\$4.00
Season Pass:	\$45.00
Season Pass with Slide:	\$75.00
Family Season Pass:	\$200.00

Business Manager Germundson also recommended that changes be made to our low income assistance program. The changes will follow the income eligibility guidelines for the Federal lunch assistance program (income table). The Business Manager and Customer Service Representative will be responsible for visually verifying income guidelines.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the pool fees for 2014 as presented. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve the low income assistance guidelines as presented. Commissioners Scully, Johnson, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update on the recreation programs.

Director Erbstoesser presented the Twin Arrows contract. The Veterans Memorial Arena rental will be March 14 – 16, 2014 and March 28 – 30, 2014. Director Erbstoesser recommended approving the contract. Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Scully, Johnson, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Mark Knutson spoke on behalf of the aquatics group. Mr. Knutson wants to be the public champion behind the aquatic center project and hopes to ease the concerns of the public entities.

The meeting was adjourned.

Chair Sharon Odegaard

Clerk Justin Germundson