



The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at the Rustad Recreation Center. Members present were Todd Rheault, Jeff McCracken, Chris Heise, Ryan Gellner, and Jake Lauritsen. President Rheault called the meeting to order.

Commissioner McCracken made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Heise to approve the order of the agenda (with the addition of Ligated Damages and deletion of Rustad Recreation Center Rental) and minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting. No opposition; motion carried.

Commissioner McCracken made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lauritsen to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Bills = \$1,577,430.79
- b. Financial Report

No opposition; motion carried.

Ligated Damages

Scott Ahlf (All Finish Concrete) presented an updated ligated damage reduction letter. Mr. Ahlf requested a reduction of \$74,950. Commissioner Gellner proposed to accept \$37,450 in reductions (partially usable park, cost of sod). Mr. Ahlf will take the proposal back to the owner for final approval. Commissioner Gellner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lauritsen to accept \$37,450 in ligated damages credit if the proposed settlement agreement is executed by next week. No opposition; motion carried.

Park Improvement District 2021-2 (Maplewood Park)

Park Operations Manager Mathern summarized the bids and recommended awarding the low bids. The playground committee will approve the Playground contract based on final committee recommendations. Commissioner Lauritsen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gellner to award the contracts for Park Improvement District 2021-2 (Maplewood Park) as presented. No opposition; motion carried.

- General contract to Gast Construction for Base Bid "G" and Alternate "G-1" for \$1,422,400.
- Mechanical contract to Sheyenne Mechanical for Base Bid "M" for \$52,100.
- Electrical contract to Dakota Electric for Base Bid "E" and Alternate "E-1" for \$125,300.
- Playground contract budget allowance of Base Bid "P" for \$475,000 and Alternate "P-1" for \$150,000.



Park Improvement District 2019-1 (South Elmwood Park)

Park Operations Manager Mathern summarized the projects. The Amended Engineer's Report is a continuation of an original report from 2019 and involves the addition and subtraction of certain aspects of the project. Commissioner McCracken made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Heise to Approve the Amended Engineer's Report and Direct Engineer to Prepare Plans and Specifications for Park Improvement District 2019-1. No opposition; motion carried.

Park Operations Manager Mathern summarized the City of West Fargo 2021 Walks project. Commissioner Gellner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to approve Alternate 1 (Wild's Park Path Extension) for \$42,660 as presented. No opposition; motion carried. Commissioner McCracken made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Heise to approve Alternate 3 (South Elmwood Path Replacement) for \$279,210 as presented. Commissioner Gellner opposed; motion carried on a 4:1 vote.

Park Improvement District 2021-3 (North Elmwood Park)

Park Operations Manager Mathern summarized the project. Ray Arneson (bike path route) and Adam Trapp (north entrance) commented on the proposed project. Moore Engineering discovered several homeowners have improvements on Park owned land. Upcoming encroachment agreements between the Park and each homeowner will protect both entities. Commissioner Heise made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to approve the following resolutions for Park Improvement District 2021-3:

- Create the District
- Authorize Engineer to Prepare Engineer's Report
- Approve Engineer's Report
- Authorize Engineer to Prepare Plans and Specifications

No opposition; motion carried.

General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A

Finance Director Germundson presented the first step in a potential refinancing for the Veterans Memorial Pool bonds. The taxable advance refunding would generate approximately \$140,000 of gross savings. This issuance is subject to a 60-day protest period so the tentative bond sale is July 14, 2021. Commissioner Lauritsen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gellner to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021A. No opposition; motion carried.

Sponsorship Agreement

Executive Director Erbstoesser presented the Naming Rights agreement with West Fargo Baseball for Elmwood Park. Commissioner Lauritsen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Heise to approve the agreement as presented. No opposition; motion carried.



Reports

Executive Director Erbstoesser: status of Beaton Farm, options for Night to Unite

Rec / Rustad Manager Belisle: concessions discussion

Facility Manager Olson: West Fargo Hockey Association meeting next month (sub-committee)

Park Operations Manager Mathern: nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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President Todd Rheault

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Clerk Justin Germundson