



The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 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 Gellner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to approve the order of the agenda and minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting. No opposition; motion carried.

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

- a. Bills = \$498,117.61
- b. Financial Report

No opposition; motion carried.

Park Improvement District 2019-1 (Service Club Park)

Park Operations Manager Mathern summarized the bids. The low bid was \$589,493 for the Base Bid plus Alternate 1.B Shelter Replacement. President Rheault recommended a refurbished shelter, not a new shelter to save costs. Commissioner Lauritsen said this project was not a high priority and these funds should be used for other projects. Commissioner Lauritsen made a motion to reject the bid. Motion failed due to no second. Commissioner McCracken made a motion to table the bid. Motion failed due to no second. Park Operations Manager Mathern requested direction of site amenity priorities. The board said restrooms and bike path connectivity should be the focus, but with a smaller budget. Commissioner Heise made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gellner to table the bid and focus on restrooms and bike path connections with a budget of \$420,000. No opposition; motion carried.

Rental Rates Update

Finance Director Germundson requested an increase in rental rates for the Rustad Recreation Center, Veterans Memorial Pool, and Veterans Memorial Arena. The rate increase would be effective on September 1, 2021. The reason for the increase is due to a multiple of reasons: rates have not changed since 2019, expenses are much higher now compared to 2019 (staff, supplies, etc.), all our other programs and events have increased in price since 2019, and even with the price increase our rates will still be at or below peer facilities. The rates would increase the daily fee from \$3.25 to \$4; eCard fee from \$2.50 to \$3; gym hourly fee from \$50 to \$55; turf hourly fee from \$50/\$100/\$150 to \$55/\$105/\$155; and ice hourly rate from \$130 to \$140. Commissioner Heise made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to approve the rental rates as presented. Commissioners Heise, McCracken, and Rheault aye; Commissioners Gellner and Lauritsen nay; motion carried on a 3:2 vote.



Reports

Executive Director Erbstoesser: beaton farm sale update, NDIRF no pickleball fence recommendation

Rec / Rustad Manager Belisle: not present

Facility Manager Olson: not present

Park Operations Manager Mathern: nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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President Todd Rheault

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Clerk Justin Germundson