

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., in the Park District's Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Bollman, LaDouceur, Hutchison, Panzer and Jeske.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2 & 10, 2007

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeske to approve the minutes of October 2 & 10, 2007. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

None.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

The G F Kennel Club appeared before the Board to thank the Park District for the use of the Lake Agassiz Park area for the summer months for dog training.

The Club returned the key, and presented the user fees to the Park District and asked to be kept in mind for next summer.

FOR DISCUSSION

USDA HUMAN NUTRITION LAB AGREEMENT

Dr. Jerry Combs, Director of the Human Nutrition Research Lab, addressed the Board regarding the proposed new wellness center and the Human Nutrition Lab's mission of nutrition relating to wellness. He has drafted an agreement with the Park District on enhancing wellness/fitness.

Commissioner Hutchison asked what kind of accommodations the lab would need at the wellness center. Dr. Combs stated they would like to rent a room to conduct physical assessments and visit with people, and have an area for touch screen technology.

He stated the Lab would also like to have one or two staff people there to do some recruiting for their nutrition studies.

This item will appear on the December agenda.

PERSONNEL SALARY POLICY

This item was not ready to be discussed and was tabled.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION REPORTING

Brady Martz will put together a sheet or packet containing the full benefit package available to Park District employees, as a fulltime employee.

Commissioner Hutchison asked if the employees want this. John stated he has only discussed this project with supervisors.

Commissioners Panzer and Jeske will continue to work on the project.

GRANT MANAGER DONATION

John reported to the Commissioners a donation of \$5000.00 for a grant manager. The grant manager will spend a two-month period looking for grants for the Park District.

The contracted person for this position is costing \$8000.00, and John hopes we can obtain a grant to pay the balance over \$5000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to contract for a grant manager with an \$8500.00 cap on the fee. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

DOG PARK RULES & LEASE AGREEMENT

The Board saw no problems with the rules and lease agreement.

Commissioner Hutchison suggested adding "and all Park District rules apply" to the lease agreement. He also suggested it might be appropriate to have pet etiquette listed as well.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the lease with the City. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

ELKS POOL REPORT

Superintendent Palmiscno reported attendance was down a little as June was wet, July was good and August was wet. Canad Inn also opened this summer and was competition for the pool.

The Commissioners discussed a baby pool at the Elks pool site. It can be done, would take space away from the spray park, but all agreed it would be good to have the spray park and baby pool close together.

FOR ACTION

There were no items on this portion of the agenda.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR OCTOBER

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the bills for October in the amount of \$578,668.44. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

Superintendent Mullally reported there are plans to extend the cross-country ski trails this winter season. The plans are to extend it south and also north, perhaps to Kannowski Park.

He also reported the golf courses closed on November 1.

On the Greenway, he reported the bike path will be cleaned this winter and open for public use, and the restrooms at Sunbeam, Lincoln Drive Park, Kannowski and Riverside trailhead buildings will remain open throughout the winter for public use.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported 1000 kids and parents attended the Black Cat Bash at First Season's Family Center.

Decorating has begun for the Santa Village at the Lincoln Park Clubhouse.

Center Court Fitness Club reports a month to date membership at 1415, and City League Basketball has 46 teams this season.

Forestry reported 243 street trees pruned in October, with flowerbeds and community garden plots also cleaned up.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Panzer reported John, Commissioner Hutchison and himself are interviewing banks for the lead bank on the proposed wellness center. He is finding it very interesting and informative, but not going forward yet at this point.

Commissioner Hutchison stated the Y Family Center should be involved with the fundraising group, but that should come from the Board.

Discussion followed:

John stated he felt we need to wait and see what Dona has to say about the Y Family Center fitting into the business plan.

Commissioner Panzer felt a meeting with the Y Family Center Board should take place to see where they see themselves in the project.

Commissioner Jeske felt it is now time to see who is in and who is not.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to have Commissioner Hutchison and Commissioner Jeske meet with the Y Family Center to open the lines of communication. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeske to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

John Staley, Clerk

Jim Bollman, President