

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MAY 6, 2008**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Bollman, Hutchison, Panzer & Jeske. Commissioner LaDouceur was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 1 & 3, 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to approve the minutes from April 1 & 3, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

None.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

PROPOSAL FOR CONCESSION TRAILER

Josh Soeby addressed the Board asking for permission to set up a concession trailer in Lincoln Drive Park to serve disc golf players. He would like to set it up just west of the first hole and operate it from noon to 8 p.m.

Depending on when he can get the trailer and get it stocked, which he hopes will be within five to six weeks, will dictate when he can set it up. He'd like to start small, and see where it goes from there.

The Park District staff feels it will be a good addition to the park.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he'd like to see it happen and a 3% commission is acceptable.

Commissioner Jeske suggested he look into the need for a sales tax permit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to draw up a contract for the concession trailer for the summer of 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

APPROPRIATING MATCH FOR TRAIL

This is the trail along the English Coulee in the Lion's Park area. It will be a concrete, shared use path.

The Federal Highway Administration grant is covering this, with the exception of local costs totaling about \$75,000.00. Cost of the path is \$223,000.00.

An amount of \$22,200.00 this year will be needed to cover the Park District's share of local costs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to proceed with the Lion's Parkj Bike Path Trail and cover costs now of \$22,200.00 out of C & B and budget for the costs next year. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

FIRST READING OF CENTER COURT FITNESS CLUB FALL FEE INCREASE

These fee increases need to be approved at the June meeting to take effect in September. The increase requires two readings.

The fee increase involves a \$2.00 increase for the individuals. This is the first increase in two years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to give preliminary approval for the rate increase. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

This item will appear on the June agenda for the second reading.

Cam Tweten stated he would like to eliminate the tanning beds at the Club by May 31. They continue to increase in maintenance costs and not used a great deal. Replacement cost is \$12,000.00 There is also a public health issue with tanning beds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to eliminate the tanning beds at Center Court. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

FOR ACTION

YMCA-PARK DISTRICT AGREEMENT

With little discussion, the Board felt it was a great step forward.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeske to accept the agreement between Center Court Fitness Club and the Y Family Center. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

FINAL READING OF RENAMING LAKE AGASSIZ PARK

All procedures have been followed and the Exchange Club still wants to sponsor the park and re-name it Exchange Club Park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to re-name Lake Agassiz Park Exchange Club Park. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

AWARD BID FOR STUMP GRINDER

The grinder will be paid for in a little under five years, is in the budget, and will get 10 to 15 years worth of use out of the equipment, saving thousands each year in stump grinding.

Aspen Equipment was low bidder at \$29,586.00 for the grinder. It will arrive in August in time for the stump grinding work that needs to be done in the fall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeske to accept the bid from Aspen Equipment for the stump grinder in the amount of \$29,586.00. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

Mike Fugazzi also paid a thank you to Xcel Energy for the grant for trees planted on the Greenway. In an hour, on Saturday, 150 trees were planted by 150 people.

PERMISSION TO BID TOT POOL

Bill Palmiscno addressed the Board with Option C for the tot pool. He favors that option and asked permission to bid the project.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he was not in favor of the tot pool and would like to wait and see how the new slide is accepted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to call for bids on the tot pool, option C. Motion died for lack of a second.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR APRIL

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeske to approve the bills for April in the amount of \$1,001,767.43. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

Superintendent Mullally reported Springfest was held May 3 with 5000 in attendance at University Park.

He also reported both golf courses opened for the season in mid-April.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported his department is finishing up with hiring summer staff.

Events coming up in May include Hooked on Fishing on May 18 at Ryan Lake.

Center Court Fitness Club reported to date membership at 1511.

Forestry reported 440 street trees pruned and 68 request calls answered in April. The crew also spent eight days helping horticulture clean thoroughfares and beds.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Panzer stated he'd like to see the numbers on how Eagles Crest is doing.

Commissioner Bollman stated the Senior Center has made it known they want to be a part of the proposed new Wellness Center. They have a \$1,000,000.00+ budget. He feels we need to stay in touch with these people.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Jim Bollman, President