

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Panzer, LaDouceur and Westlund. Commissioner Bollman was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 5 & 25, 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the minutes from the August 5 and August 25, 2008, meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

John Staley requested two items to be added to the "For Action" section of the agenda:

- Item D. Bond Sale
- Item E. Turf Mower/Thatcher Bid

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to add the above two items to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

UTILITY EFFICIENCY STUDY

The suggestions made by Mr. Randall Bohlman that came out of his utility study of the Park District's facilities were presented to the Board with suggestions as to what to implement immediately for utility savings.

A savings of \$40,000.00 to \$55,000.00 could be realized with his suggestions, but with a capital investment of \$216,122.00. This cost would exclude four of his suggested items.

Discussion followed with suggestions a note be taken out to pay for the cost. It was felt the utility savings would make the payment on the note.

Commissioner Hutchison felt it made sense to exclude the four items at this time.

Commissioner Panzer suggested a five- to six-year note, getting quotes from the banks for the best deal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to get quotes from banks for \$220,000.00 for a five- to six-year note. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

PRELIMINARY 2009 OPERATIONS BUDGET

As of now, it looks to be the 2009 budget will come in at less than 40 mills, about two fewer than last year.

There are still some items yet to look at: special assessments and employee medical insurance premium increases.

Items that were approved were: user fees increase, reduction of arena hours of operation, cutting back on fertilizing, operating only two outdoor rinks after March 1 instead of four, savings in utilities, and staff training reductions.

Commissioners Panzer and Westlund felt the District needed to look at other medical insurance plans, and/or a health savings plan.

Commissioner Westlund made a motion to set up another budget meeting and look at health insurance options.

Discussion followed, with Commissioner Westlund rescinding his motion.

The Board set up another meeting for September 15, at 6:00 p.m. The goal for the 2009 operations budget is still a 3% increase only.

REPORT ON 47TH AVENUE S IRRIGATION LINE

John Staley reported to the Board that John Schmisek was taking another look at the project to see if it can be special assessed.

FOR ACTION

LOCATION OF SHADY RIDGE PARK

The Board stated they are satisfied with the location of the park. It is centrally located on the Park District land to the amenities in that area.

PARK ADDITION – SHADY RIDGE 8TH SUBDIVISION

This is a 2.6 acre parcel of land acquired through the 8% Land Dedication Ordinance south and east of Belmont Road. The acreage would be added to the “floating” land for park purposes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to accept the dedication of 2.6 acres for the Shady Ridge Estates 8th Subdivision. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR KING’S WALK UPGRADES

After much discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to fund the fountain from C & B; the Palmer visit from interest on the land fund and the mower out of the hole sponsor fund. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

BOND SALE

Mr. Myron Knutson of Public Financial Management addressed the Board on re-financing the special assessment bond.

The current interest rate is lower than what the current bond is which would save money.

After some discussion, it was generally agreed to go ahead with the bond sale.

INITIAL RESOLUTION FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PREPAYMENT BONDS, SERIES 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the initial resolution for general obligation special assessment prepayment bonds, series 2008. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC SALE OF \$5,330,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PREPAYMENT BONDS, SERIES 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the resolution for sale of \$5,330,000 general obligation special assessment prepayment bonds, series 2008. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to set the sale date at October 7, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

TURF MOWER BID

The Board was presented with the results of the turf mower bid for King's Walk. Dave Clark recommended accepting the bid from MTI Distributing at \$23,670.36. No additional attachments are necessary to purchase.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to accept the bid from MTI Distributing for the turf mower at the cost of \$23,670.36. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR AUGUST

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the bills for August in the amount of \$453,030.36. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported the Park District did well at Elks pool this season.

The insurance claim for damage to Kraft Field during a lightening strike has come through in the amount of \$42,612.94.

Superintendent Mullally reported Southern Estates is being worked up.

Ali's playground is being shipped and construction is planned to start September 24.

Lincoln to date rounds are at 15,533, up about 2000 rounds over 2007 and King's Walk rounds are at 19,677, down slightly over 2007.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

The "Arnold Palmer Drive" street sign is up.

John Staley asked the Board about fund raising occurring at Park District events. The Board agreed a policy needs to be established for that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Bill Hutchison, President