

Mandan Park District
Board Meeting Minutes
December 4,, 2017

The Board of Park Commissioners duly met in special session on Monday, December 4,, 2017 at Mandan Park District administrative office. Those present were President Arenz, Vice President Knoll, Commissioner Hatzenbuhler, Commissioner Meschke and Commissioner McPherson. Director Higlin and Accounting Manager Delorme were also present.

President Arenz called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 pm, CDT.

Unfinished Business:

Item # 1) Direction on Lil Haven Park- President Arenz summarized comments from last month's board meeting in regards to the public hearing. Over 250 letters were sent out to resident adjacent to the park and only three home owners attended. Commissioner Meschke discussed with Custer Elementary Principal about adding on to the playground for the resident. President Arenz stated that we could use the proceeds from the sale of the park land and allocate them to the Custer Elementary Playground to add on to the existing equipment. Commissioner McPherson had concerns that public won't be able to use the park during school hours or during the summer when the have summer school. Overall consensus was that it's difficult to close a park and that we should make the final decision at the December 11 Park Board Meeting. Director Higlin stated that we will need legal advice on selling the property and to not necessarily sell to the high bidder depending on the intentions of the potential buyer.

Item # 2: Starion Sports Complex- Director Higlin presented a financial summary of the Starion Sports Complex as we are nearing the end of the construction with the exception of the locker room building. The guaranteed maximum price is \$22,379,239 with Northwest Contracting and our JLG architect fee is \$1,303,603 for a total construction budget of \$23,682,842 which was approved in June 2016. Director Higlin reviewed our revenue of \$22 million in sales tax and \$1 million from the Mandan Hockey Club. The difference the Park District is responsible for is \$682,842 which our goal was to pay from contingency proceeds. We currently have \$729,000 remaining in contingency which would covered the cost of the alternates that were approved. When the School District requested the Park District construct the locker rooms at \$604,000 and use contingency funds to cover the expense, we are now at \$129,000 contingency budget. The remaining contingency will be used to cover alternates that were accepted. Director Higlin discussed the Faris Field renovation into two ball diamonds. Currently in our guaranteed maximum price we have funds set aside to demo the asphalt areas (track, long jump, high jump) and remove scoreboards and misc items. The demolition does not include removal of the grandstands. Director Higlin presented an estimate from Northern Improvement to demo the grandstands in the amount of \$65,000. Director Higlin also presented an estimate to pour concrete under the bleachers on the east side of the Sports Complex football field. The school district would like to relocate at their cost one or two sets of bleachers from Faris Field. In order to relocate them, the recommendation is to pour a concrete pad underneath them in the amount of \$45,000. The consensus from the Park Commissioners was not to approve the \$45,000 change order for concrete and allow the school district to decide if bleachers and concrete is a priority. President Arenz stated that we need to discuss renovating Faris Field as we have \$333,000 set aside for renovation in our GMP. Director Higlin stated with the concern of the status of storm water plan and the unknown of when it will start, we need to wait on the renovation before we start planning for this project. Commissioner Meschke motion to reallocate the \$333,000 set aside for Faris Field to be redirected to pay off the Park Districts financial responsibility while restricting \$333,000 in general fund dollars to complete the Faris Field renovation at a later date, seconded by Commissioner Hatzenbuhler, motion passed 5-0

New Business:

Item # 1: University of Mary Men's Hockey Contract: Director Higlin highlighted the overall concept of the contract with U of Mary. The contract has not been sent to U of Mary as Director Higlin wanted board support of a couple of items prior to sending. The first item is keeping their stuff inside the locker room as U of Mary will be traveling a long distance and athletes are unable to bring the equipment back to their dorms. The second item is the ability to sell beer at games, and the third item is scheduling of games that may conflict with Mandan Public Schools games. Overall, Dave Frueh will coordinate scheduling with a fair and reasonable fashion, however all parties will need to be flexible to make this work as they are used to getting there way. Director Higlin isn't looking for a motion as the final contract once U of Mary reviews it will come back to the full board for final approval. Director Higlin cautioned Park Commissioners that citizens will present false comments about ice availability as we currently have ice available to rent. The contract will generate around \$30,000 annually and will also bring fans and teams to town that might not otherwise would. The long term benefit will exceed the ice rent we generate as it will be difficult to measure where fans/teams will eat or stay when games are taking place.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was at approximately 5:50pm. Motion made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Vice President Knoll. Motion passes.

Cole Higlin
Clerk, Mandan Park District

Jason Arenz
President, Board of Park Commissioner