

Mandan Park District
Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2021

The Board of Park Commissioners duly met in special session on Monday, April 12, 2021, at City Hall, 205 2nd Ave NW in the Bosch Froelich room.

Attendees:

Park Commissioners: President Wade Meschke, Commissioners Chad Hatzenbuhler, Miles Mehlhoff and Jen Froehlich.

Park District Staff present: Cole Higlin, Teri Welch and Dave Frueh

Legal Council: Arlen Ruff

President Meschke called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30pm, CDT.

Public Communication: Chelsea Ehlis presented to the board her concerns at the Dog Park and recommended that we have to separate areas. One for aggressive dogs and one for passive dogs. President Meshke thanked her for bringing this to our attention and we will look into our options and determine how we can address the matter.

Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Froehlich and seconded by Commissioner Hatzenbuhler to approve the April 12, 2021 regular meeting. Motion passes 4-0.

Item #1 Dustin Fleck; Park Superintendent updated the board that preliminary cost estimates for the maintenance shop have exceeded our \$2 million budget due to the pandemic impacting materials. We are currently 20% over budget and we recommend postponing the July 2021 bid opening until January 2022. In order to stay within budget, we would need to reduce the square footage of the building.

Item #2: Accounting Manager Welch requested approval to refinancing the revenue bonds for Raging Rivers. The Park District purchased the facility in 2010 and refinanced in 2016 to reduce our years of payments. Refinance rates are estimated at 1% to 1.5% and we would like to reduce principal and interest payments from six years to four years. The higher principal and interest payments allows us to use Raging River's cash reserves to make up for the higher debt payments. The original loan was for twenty years, we would pay off the facility in fifteen years. Motion by Commissioner Hatzenbuhler and seconded by Commissioner Froehlich to approved refinancing our revenue bond for Raging Rivers. Motion passes 4-0.

Item # 3: Director Higlin presented a purchase agreement for the McClelland property for \$140,000. Attorney Ruff provided an overview of the agreement and stated the son, Terry McClelland will be in Mandan on May 23 to provide a tour of the house and property. Motion by Commissioner Hatzenbuhler and seconded by Commissioner Mehlhoff to approve purchasing the McClelland property for \$140,000. Motion passes 4-0.

Item # 4: Park Operations Manager Fleck updated the board on the well issues at the south softball complex. Currently we are unable to provide a quality water source due to the drought the last year. In the short term, we will scrub the current wells and hope that we can secure enough flow to irrigate the south softball diamonds while researching for a long-term solution. Director Higlin presented the board with a proposal for \$7,800 to provide three water solution options along with cost estimates and a recommendation. Option 1 continue rehabilitation of existing wells, Option 1 drill additional wells and evaluate the proper depth, Option 3 access Heart River and Option 4 as a baseline; city water. Motion by Commissioner Mehlhoff and seconded by Commissioner Hatzenbuhler to approve hiring Burian & Associates for \$7,800 to complete an irrigation analysis at the south softball complex. Motion passes 4-0.

Item 5: Director Higlin presented the Dacotah Centennial Park (DCP) feasibility study and provided an overview of the various options. The DCP Advisory Committee recommended getting cost estimates for option 2 and 4 while soliciting costs for expanding soccer and a stand along rodeo arena.

Item 6: Recreation & Facilities Manager Frueh presented an overview of the proposed locker room expansion at the Starion Sports Complex. Director Higlin stated that we would continue discussions with all user groups and determine how we want to proceed with fundraising and financing.

Staff reports: Director Higlin stated that the park district had to hire a structural engineer to determine the damage to the Starion Sports Complex from the citizen who ran into the building. Once the report is complete, we will use this information while determining the total cost estimate submitted to insurance. I appointed Garrett Schultz; Interim Golf Operations Manager to assist with cross training for the replacement of the Golf Pro's position since Brad has stated he will be retiring at the end of the year.

Authorization of payment of the monthly bills. Motion by Commissioner Mehlhoff and seconded by Commissioner Hatzenbuhler, Motion passes 4-0.

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Motion to adjourn the meeting was at approximately 6:40pm. Motion made by Commissioner Froehlich and seconded by Commissioner Mehlhoff; Motion passes 4-0.

Cole Higlin

[Cole Higlin \(Jun 15, 2021 08:55 CDT\)](#)

Cole Higlin
Clerk, Mandan Park District



Wade Meschke
President, Board of Park Commissioner









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