

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
August 15, 2024

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on August 15, 2024 in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. President Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and Jeske were present. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Commissioner Jeske moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried. Board members took an opportunity to thank Park District staff for their hard work to clean up and re-open facilities after Tuesday's large rain event.

Bismarck Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jeff Fastnacht appeared before the board as the Featured Partner and Program.

Mike Herzog, Director of Bridge Construction with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, appeared before the Board to provide a rail bridge update and future impacts on the shared use path.

Daniel Nairn, Planning Manager with the city of Bismarck, addressed the Board with a request for the Park District to participate in Bismarck's Renaissance Zone Program. Commissioner Gilbertson moved approval of the amended changes to the Bismarck Renaissance Zone Development Plan, agreed to a five-year extension of the program and that the Board will appoint a representative from the Park Board to the Bismarck Renaissance Zone Authority. This appointment will be determined at a later meeting. Commissioner Jeske seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Steve Chuppe, representing the Bismarck Municipal Baseball Park Funding Group, appeared before the Board. Commissioner Redmann moved approval for the group to pursue a capital campaign for the Phase III Renovation of Bismarck Municipal Ballpark and for staff to work with the fundraising group. Commissioner Herzog seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Jeske moved to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- Consideration of July 25 and August 5, 2024 Board meeting minutes.
- Request Board consideration of concessions extension and addendum with the Bismarck Sports Group Food Services for 2025 at Riverwood Golf Course.
- Authorization to call for bids for the Municipal Country Club food service operations.
- Board acceptance of Hal Simons estate gift.

Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to accept the bills for payment with checks 408121 to 408138 and 216504 to 216749 along with bank drafts DFT001442 to DFT001448, EFTs 2980 to 3016 and direct deposits 76840 to 77522. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

The next regular Board meeting will be held September 19, 2024 at 5:15 pm in the Tom Baker Meeting Room and will include the public hearing on the proposed 2025 budget. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.