

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
September 19, 2024

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on September 19, 2024 in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. President Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann and Jeske were present. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the agenda as presented. 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.

Burleigh County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent Tyler Kralicek appeared before the Board as the featured partner and program.

Finance Director Kathy Feist provided an overview of the 2025 proposed budget. President Zimmerman opened the public hearing on the 2025 budget. He asked three times for anyone opposed to or concerned with the budget to appear before the Board. He then asked three times for anyone in favor of the budget to appear before the Board. Mike Schwartz approached the Board and stated his support of the proposed budget. President Zimmerman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Jeske moved to approve the second reading of the 2025 budget and approve the mill levy. 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 Gilbertson moved to adopt the 2025 operating budget. 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.

Mike Schwartz appeared before the Board to review the option to place a statue of Satchel Paige at the Bismarck Municipal Ballpark. Commissioner Herzog moved approval for Mr. Schwartz to work with Park District staff on raising funds and to call for bids for this project. 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.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved approval to call for bids for electric work at Eagles Park as outlined by Operations Director David Mayer. 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.

Commissioner Jeske moved to accept the apparent low bid of \$18,000 submitted by Game One for the purchase of 16 soccer goals. 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. Commissioner Redmann moved to appoint Commissioner Herzog to the Renaissance Zone Committee. 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.

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

- Consideration of August 15, 2024 Board meeting minutes.
- Board authorization to request qualifications for engineering, architect and planning services for 2025 and 2026.
- Request Board consideration of concessions extensions and addendums for the following:
 - Dairy Barn at Cottonwood Soccer Complex
 - Green Food 2 Go vending machines
- Authorization to apply for the following grants:
 - NDDOT Transportation Alternatives for a 10' shared use path from Sunrise Park to the 2026 E Century Avenue roadway expansion in 2027.
 - NDDOT Special Road Fund Program to overlay the existing roadways and parking lots in the day use area at General Sibley Park and Campground in 2026 if funding is secured.
 - America the Beautiful Forestry Grant for additional trees at Normandy Park and Sertoma Park/Clem Kelley Complex.

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.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the bills for payment with checks 408139 to 408158 and 216750 to 217043 along with bank drafts DFT001449 to DFT001464, EFTs 3017 to 3062 and direct deposits 77523 to 79288. 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.

Commissioner Jeske moved approval for the Board to go into executive session under the Authority of NDCC §§ 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2 for attorney consultation with Legal Counsel John Ward and to discuss contract negotiation for the sale Hay Creek lots. 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.

The topic or purpose of this executive session is for attorney consultation with the Board's attorney and to discuss contract negotiation for the sale of Hay Creek lots. The executive session will be recorded, and all members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the governing body must occur after it reconvenes in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive

session. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instructions to our attorney or negotiator.

All members were asked to leave the room. Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske, President Zimmerman, Executive Director Kevin Klipfel, Finance Director Kathy Feist, Legal Counsel John Ward, and Administrative Services Manager Julie Fornshell were present at the executive session which began at 6:04 pm.

Commissioner Redmann moved to adjourn the executive session at 6:19 pm. 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.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm. 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.

The next regular Board meeting will be held October 17, 2024 at 5:15 pm in the Tom Baker Meeting Room.