

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF  
MARCH 13, 2007**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., at the Fargo Park District office at 701 Main Avenue, Fargo, North Dakota. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Joel Vettel, Barb Johnson, Ron Sorvaag and Mary Johnson. Also present were Roger Gress, James Larson, Attorney Greg Selbo, Clay Whittlesey, Kevin Boe, and Carolyn Boutain.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2007, meeting. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of February 2007 Bills**

Commissioner Vettel moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to approve the bills for February, 2007. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Order of Agenda**

Commissioner Vettel moved and Commissioner Sorvaag seconded a motion to approve the order of agenda as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Update of Growth Plan for Fargo's Extra Territorial Area**

Jim Hinderaker, the Fargo Senior Planner, presented to the board regarding updating the board on Fargo's extra territorial growth plan. Mr. Hinderaker presented to the board several drawings which referenced the growth plan to the north and south in Fargo. He noted that there is special emphasis being made in the growth plan to promote more green space. He further noted that the plans call for working towards the goal of a trail system which connects north and south Fargo.

**Botanical Garden Society to Request Approval to Construct  
a Japanese Garden Entrance at Their Yunker Farm Site**

Vern Hunter presented to the board regarding the above-referenced agenda item. The report included detailed drawings of a Shinto gate to be placed at the garden's southern entrance. He noted that this should be a unique feature of the garden which is not available in other gardens in the area. Further, Mr. Hunter detailed plans for the rest of the garden space at the Yunker Farm site. Mr. Hunter detailed that the total project cost is \$26,899.00 and that they have grants out on portions that they have not raised.

Commissioner Vettel moved and Commissioner Sorvaag seconded a motion to accept the plan and approve the installation of the Shinto gate at the Yunker Farm Botanical Garden site. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Request for Approval to Proceed with Plans and Specifications for a  
New Lindenwood Campground Information Center**

Carolyn Boutain presented to the board regarding the above-referenced agenda item. It was noted that the project was prefunded in the amount of \$300,000.00. This summer they would like to take bids and potentially start building in the fall if the bidding process comes in at an acceptable level. It was noted that the building would be moved to a site which would be in the 500 year flood plain. It was further noted that the building would be approximately 3,600 square feet and would be built at a cost estimate of \$75.00 to \$100.00 per square foot, which equates to a budget of \$266,000.00 to \$355,000.00 for the project. The facilities committee recommended bringing this proposal forward to the board to request approval to proceed with plans and specifications for the bid. The drawings of the proposed layout were presented and reviewed with the board also at this time.

Commissioner Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Vettel seconded a motion directing staff to move forward with the project, hire an architect and put the project up for bids. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Request to Approve Engineer's Opinion of Cost for Phase 2 of the  
Urban Plains Park Project and Order Plans and Specification**

Jim Larson presented to the board regarding Phase 2 of the Urban Plains Park Project. Phase 2 involves digging and excavating the pond area, working on the banks of the pond and work involving the filtration pond on the north end. He further noted that there are two resolutions enclosed in the meeting packet that will need approved. It was further noted that bonds would need to be issued after bids were taken.

Commissioner Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Vettel seconded a motion to approve the engineer's opinion and cost of \$1,850,000.00 for Phase 2 of the Urban Plains Park Project. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Vettel seconded another motion directing the engineer to prepare plans and specifications for Phase 2 of Park Improvement District 2006-2. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 p.m.

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Christopher M. Kennelly, Clerk