

April 21, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on April 21, 2009, at 3 p.m. at the Sertoma Butterfly House.

Members Present: Anne Hajek, Steve Thomas, Kevin Nyberg, Michelle Erpenbach, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, and Pat Lloyd

Members Absent: None

Park Department Staff Present: Don Kearney, Dave Fischer, Kelby Mieras, Scott Juhnke, and Rita Meyer

Others Present: Tom Jansa—Dakota Golf Inc., Tom Ralph—Eide Bailly, and Cheryl Rath

Tom Berkland, City of Sioux Falls Engineering Department, provided a report on the river flows of the Big Sioux River through Sioux Falls. The Board suggested that a tour of the levy system should be set up at a future date.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, Michelle Erpenbach reported that the Marketing and Public Needs Committee agenda item is on the current Park Board agenda. Mike Crane reported that the Park System Planning and Development Committee item regarding a land donation from the Soukup family is still under discussion, and will be placed on a future Park Board agenda. Michelle Erpenbach reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items, except the Sanford land donation, are on the current Park Board agenda. The land donation will be finalized for a future Park Board meeting.

Under "New Business," Dave Fischer presented the new Farmers' Market Agreement. According to information provided by Henry Kattenberg, the current Farmers' Market liaison, all vendor spaces under the shelter are full at this time. Dave reported that Henry Kattenberg will be retiring, and new leadership will be taking over. The Board asked what fee vendors pay to the Farmers' Market to procure a booth at the market. Staff will find out the answer to that question and report back to the Board. The new agreement is for one year. Motion was passed to approve the Farmers' Market Agreement, with Anne Hajek voting yes, Steve Thomas voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Falls Park Pavilion is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 11 a.m.

The Dakota Golf audit report was presented to the Board by Tom Ralph from Eide Bailly. Tom Jansa of Dakota Golf shared the 2008 Dakota Golf summary and 2009 marketing plan. The focus for 2009 will be a change to use nine-minute intervals between tee times for a better pace of play. Motion to accept the Dakota Golf audit report and the Dakota Golf marketing plan passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Steve Thomas voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

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Applications to charge entry fees for 2009 sports events were presented by Scott Juhnke. Motion to approve these applications passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Steve Thomas voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

An application to charge a parking fee at Yankton Trail Park for JazzFest was presented by Kelby Mieras. The proposed fee is an increase from last year's fee. Motion to approve this application passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Steve Thomas voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

The Risk Management Plan was presented by Kelby Mieras. Motion to approve the plan passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Steve Thomas voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

Under the Director's report, Don Kearney reported on the Sanford Memorandum of Understanding. It is hoped that the final document will be ready for approval at the next Board meeting. Don reported that play will start on the new softball fields at Harmodon Park on Thursday, April 23, 2009, with a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009. He noted that Daktronics currently has advertising rights to the baseball scoreboards as part of their contract. The 2009 Summer Activities Guide will be mailed to each Sioux Falls residential address and is scheduled to arrive by May 1, 2009. The new Drake Springs Family Aquatic Center should open on schedule with the other pools on May 22, 2009. The McKennan Park restroom bid has been awarded. Work will take place in McKennan during June and July. Other larger bids due out this spring are for the Rhino Relation Project at the Zoo, Sherman Park, and Thelin Park. The Board asked about a one-day free swim pass giveaway. This event had been organized by the Salvation Army and United Way the past two years, but Park staff is not aware of any scheduled giveaway this year.

No reading of communications to the Board.

No open Board discussion.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.


Secretary

Approved by:


President