

Park Board Minutes

April 3, 2007
10:00 am

Chairman Binek called the meeting of the Stark County Park Board to order. All members present.

Chairman Binek asked for any additions to the agenda.

Frank Klein moved to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2007, meeting and special meeting on February 21, 2007 as presented. Ken Zander seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Fran Martin, Roughrider Racing Association, presented plans for a 24 x 72 foot steel building to house concessions and restrooms at the Southwest Speedway. Estimated cost is \$100,000.00 of which the Roughrider Racing Association would like to borrow 70% from the county. Discussion was held on whether the county can loan money to the Racing Association. Tom Henning, States Attorney, reminded the Board that anything including improvements at the Southwest Speedway belongs to Stark County and that he would need to do further research on lending money to the Racing Association.

Ken Zander stated that originally when the Southwest Speedway Park was built using county and city funds the plan was to establish the park and provide it with amenities to make it successful.

Comm. Zander moved to bid the building. Comm. Nodland seconded. Roll call vote. George Nodland Aye. Russ Hoff Nye. Chet Willer Nye. Ken Zander Aye. Duane Wolf Nye. Frank Klein Aye. Chairman Binek Nye. The motion died.

Chairman Binek suggested the drainage problem be fixed before the building is constructed. George Nodland reported that he has it worked out with Al Heiser, Road Superintendent to utilize the road crew and equipment to fix the drainage problem.

Discussion was held on county paying to have the building constructed and renegotiate lease with Roughrider Racing Association.

Ken Zander moved to call for specifications and bid for the proposed concession and restroom facility at the Southwest Speedway. George Nodland seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Ken Zander moved to amend the previous motion to also include the proposed cost of building to not exceed \$100,000.00. Chet Willer seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

George Nodland moved to call for bids on the building at the May scheduled commissioner meeting, and have a Park Board meeting scheduled at the same time. Duane Wolf seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Kurt Froelich and Bob Zent, Fair Association, reported that the Fair Association and other interested entities drove around the property north of the county shop trying to identify boundaries for the proposed fair ground. Issues discussed were a 100 to 300 foot buffer zone around the county shop; watershed issue on the east side of the property; Fairway Street coming across on the north side of the property; and allowing enough area for future county shop and fair ground expansions. It was the consensus of the Board to take the plan to the City of Dickinson and see what happens.

Gene Jackson, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, gave an update on the Crooked Crane Shared Use Path reporting that Arnie Binek, George Nodland, James Kramer, Mike Lefor, Scott Kovash and Al Heiser met for discussion on the path. A result of the meeting was to request that Gene meet with the attorney's from the County, City and City Park Board to discuss a joint powers agreement.

Gene Jackson also reported that the NDDOT was forced to move the project back a year, so the project will now be bid in April 2008, which will take some pressure off the county and city park board budgets. Each entity would be responsible for \$15,000.00 this year, and the remaining balance in 2008.

James Kramer, Dickinson Parks & Recreation, and Mike Lefor, President, of City Park Board spoke in support of the shared use path, stating increased use of Patterson Lake and safety issue for bike riders on Highway 10 as main benefits. James Kramer also reported he is checking with Bureau of Reclamation if they would be interested in the project.

Issues and concerns discussed were maintenance, lighting, control, safety concerns, and City of Dickinson's involvement.

Tom Henning, States Attorney, reported that the City of Dickinson's only role was to be the lead figure in applying for the funds.

George Nodland moved to table this until the June meeting to give all parties interested some time to do further discussion and visit with city fathers concerning there involvement, this would also still give us enough time to review budgets and decide if we want to bid the project in 2008. Duane Wolf seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Frank Klein moved to adjourn. Russ Hoff seconded.