

**WILLMAR COMMUNITY EDUCATION & RECREATION
JOINT POWERS BOARD
OCTOBER 28, 2016**

Members Present: Dave Baumgart, Bill Borth, Sally Calvin, Matt Dawson, Scott Guptill, Tim Johnson, Linda Mathiasen, Pablo Obregon, Rachel Skretvedt, Darin Strand

Staff Present: Rob Baumgarn, Ryan Harper, Tammy Rudningen, Becky Sorenson, Jena Tollefson and Sean Christensen, Public Works Director

Guest: Darlene Schroeder

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darin Strand. He called upon Sean Christensen, Willmar Public Works Director.

Rice Park Project: Sean said we had received six bids for the Rice Park project. While all were competitive, the lowest bid was still \$50,000 above the budgeted amount. He and Steve had discussed what could be reduced or changed to come closer to the budget. One idea was to have Public Works staff do all the tree and/or shrub planting. Sean stated that any quantity reductions that were considered, would change the bids so the current low bidder would no longer be the low bidder. He

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Local Option Sales Tax: Steve, Darin and Rachel have been talking to service clubs regarding the sales tax proposal. Dave Baumgart said an email will be sent to Baseball Boosters regarding the sales tax. Pablo Obregon will talk to the Soccer Association. Thus far most of the reaction has been positive from these presentations with the most asked question being how to sunset it when the \$10 million has been collected.

Facility Usage Policy: The first item discussed was increasing the participant fee from \$5 to \$10 per person. The next request is to be allowed to use site supervisors for rentals to decrease cost to renters. Currently custodians are being utilized. Our proposal is to have custodians open and close and have site supervisors during the in between hours.

Dave Baumgart asked if the \$10 fee was per time. Ryan responded it was per organization.

Scott Guptill asked about liability issues if custodians were not on duty the whole time. Site supervisors would be covered.

Linda Mathiasen mentioned the added duties that custodians do while on duty such as mopping floors, checking restrooms, keeping people out of un-authorized areas. Site Supervisors will be trained in what duties they are expected to take care of while working.

Darin Strand asked for a motion to increase the participant fee to \$10 and to add site supervisors. Rachel Skretvedt made the motion, Pablo Obregon seconded. After some further discussion, motion carried.

Regional Park Designation: Darin Strand said the application has been sent in and reviewed. We have done everything that we need to do and are waiting for final approval.

Robbins Island Destination Playground: Rachel Skretvedt talked about upcoming fund raising events

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Glacial Lakes Trail