

**WILLMAR COMMUNITY ED & REC  
JOINT POWERS BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2016**

**Members Present:** Dave Baumgart, Sally Calvin, Matt Dawson, Scott Guptill, Allen Huselid, Tim Johnson, Carol Laumer, Ross Magnuson, Linda Mathiasen, Audrey Nelsen, Rachel Skretvedt, Darin Strand

**Staff Present:** Steve Brisendine, Rob Baumgarn, Casey Hagert, Ryan Harper, Gary Manzer, Tammy Rudningen, Becky Sorenson

Chairman Darin Strand called the meeting to order.

**Liquor Requests:** The first was from Willmar Lakes Rotary for permission to serve liquor at the November 5<sup>th</sup> University of St. Thomas/Superior game. After some discussion, a motion was made by Allen Huselid and seconded by Dave Baumgart to approve the request. Motion carried.

Matt Johnson from Willmar Warhawks, presented their request for permission to serve liquor at their 22 home games between October 15 thru April 1. The Warhawks have teamed up with Ruffs/Green Mill who will be handling liquor sales at the games which will include beer and mixed drinks. Darin Strand asked about

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a flyer to mail out prior to the election. The City Council will approve the budget for marketing (printing costs, etc).

The question was asked if Joint Powers Board members can promote passage of the sales tax question. The answer is that we/the board can advocate that people vote in favor of the sales tax; staff can only explain the projects that will be completed with the passage of the increase.

Some of the proposed projects include: re-orient Blue Field and add lights; create another driveway and parking lot on the north side of Red; infrastructure at the Island (roads, trails) shelters; replace refrigeration system at the Arena. Darin Strand said he hopes there would be a grass roots group promoting the sales tax proposal.

The amount of \$4 million has been stated as being needed for Robbins Island. Ross Magnuson asked what, specifically, that covers. More details need to be included in any presentation, flyer or mailer that is developed.

**Facility Use Policy:** Ryan Harper presented the current Facility Use Policy with proposed changes. The first change would be to raise the participant fee from \$5 to \$10. Each group, (ie Basketball Boosters, JO Volleyball, etc.) pays the \$5 participant fee for every member on their team in lieu of paying gym rental for each practice. Allen Huselid asked how the groups feel about this (have we talked to them about the proposed increase?) Darin Strand asked Ross Magnuson and Dave Baumgart, being members of sports association, how they felt about the increase. The consensus was the change would not affect the groups as much as being charged rental for all their practice times. It was mentioned that the participant fee increase should have a description added stating this was for practice times, not including games and tournaments.

The next requested change would be the Security and Supervision statement

**Park System Discussion:** There are 37 parks in the City. Is that number too many for us to support? If we were to downsize, what parks could be eliminated or changed? Audrey Nelsen stated there had been no discussion regarding the closure of any parks. A study of the parks was completed by Gary Manzer and Brad Bonk a few years ago. The following parks were discussed: Canigo, Wellin, Welshire and Eastside Parks. Due to usage and their proximity to other playgrounds, thoughts have been to make these parks into green space only. Because we have 37 parks, can we afford to have playgrounds at every park? This was presented for information only, no action is needed at this time. Allen Huselid mentioned that there is no park or