

Mandan Park District

Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2026

The Board of Park Commissioners met on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at Mandan Park District administrative office at 2600 46th Ave Se, Mandan, ND.

Attendees:

Park Commissioners: President Wade Meschke, Vice President Miles Mehlhoff, Commissioner Scott, and Commissioner Froehlich, and

Park District Staff: Cole Higlin

President Meschke called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m. CDT.

Item #1

Executive Director Higlin presented an offer to purchase green space for a neighborhood park in the Sunrise View Estates. The original offer was \$175,000 for 1.25 acres and the park district countered with \$125,000 including the specials on the property. The owners countered with an offer of \$160,000 and the board did not accept it. The Park Commissioner agreed to the best and final offer of \$140,000 for 1.25 acres and accepted the current special balance and all costs related to transferring the property to the park district. Motion by Commissioner Scott and second by Commissioner Mudder to offer \$140,000 best and final to acquire the 1.25 acres for a neighborhood park and to assume the current special balance and all fees to transfer the property to the park district. Motion passes. 5-0.

Item #2

Executive Director Higlin discussed the condition of the All Seasons Arena parking lot and the opportunity to add our parking lot to the Street Improvement District 242 (2B) Project. Discussion was held on the condition of the parking lot and the ability to improve the parking lot and limiting damage to the new parking lot with the current old high school site not completed. Executive Director Higlin was directed to contact the city to determine if the project is moving forward or protested out. If the project can move forward, we will bring the item back to the board at the next board meeting.

Item #3

Park Commissioner discussed the Executive Director salary compared with all Executive Directors salary across the state and determined with 25 years of experience as the Executive Director that they approved a 10% increase effective July 1, 2026. Motion by Commissioner Mudder and second by Commissioner Scott to approve a 10% salary increase for the Executive Director effective July 1, 2026. Motion passes 5-0.

Cole Higlin

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Clerk, Mandan Park District

Wade Meschke

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Park Board President









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