

ITG (Political Subdivisions) Committee – Minutes

The ITG Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020 in the Tom Baker Meeting Room in the City/County Building.

Those present included: Steve Marquardt, Brian Beattie, Rick Geloff, Jason Hornbacher, Kevin Klipfel, Darin Scherr, Randy Bina, Nancy Guy, Gregs Stites, Keith Hunke and Kristine Kostuck.

Chairman Marquardt asked for consideration of approval of the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting. Brian Beattie moved to approve them, and Rick Geloff seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion. M/C

Dr. Jason Hornbacher presented on the status of the Bismarck Public School's Strategic Plan. He stated in the next 30 days they should have a Strategic Plan in place that will be compatible with the City and Park Board's Plans. BPS's plan will address several areas of focused improvement. He stated that partnership, a communication plan, environmental and learning excellence and long-range facilities are just a few of the areas the plan will touch on. Through the Strategic Plan, BPS will also develop a new mission and vision.

Rick Geloff discussed BPS's future needs. He stated they are in the process of working on a three-phase plan that would address overcapacity, expansion of pre-existing schools and community needs.

Brian Beattie gave an update regarding the Bismarck Parks & Recreation Indoor Community Recreation Complex project. The Park Board met in November with the developer, and an \$108 million estimate was given for the completion of the facility.

Beattie stated that the Park Board went before the City Commission on 1/28/20, and the commission approved a ballot measure for the ½ cent sales tax, which will sunset when the bonds finance the competition of the project, to appear on the on June ballot. The Park Board has also developed a citizen's PR campaign to raise awareness and distribute information before the election.

Beattie stated at this point there is not a location picked out for the facility, but the Park Board will decide this once there is voter support for the project. The project is expected to be completed after two full years of construction.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.