



Wednesday, April 8th, 2020
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Meeting ID: 348 610 146
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5:15 p.m.

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order by Ryer Stark at 5:20 PM
- II. Board Members Present:
 - A. Board Members Present: Ryer Stark, Scott Hills, Cory Burns, Jessica Tanke
 - B. Board Members Absent: Todd Storey
 - C. Staff Present: Bill Dahl, Matt Opegard, Keith Blattenbauer, Todd Janikowski
- III. Ryer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. No changes were made.
- IV. Ryer asked for an approval of the minutes from the March 11th Park Board Meeting. Jess made a motion to approve the minutes from the March Board Meeting. Scott seconded, motion passed all approved. Ryer asked for a motion for the authorization of expenditures as listed. Cory made a motion to approve the expenditures. Seconded by Scott, motion passed all approved to pay bills as listed. The March bank statement report was issued for the board to review.
- V. Reports:
 - A. Recreation Manager
 - i. Keith reported that Spring Soccer has been moved to August due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Keith will be working with Justin & Joyce to come up with a new start date.
 - ii. The North Valley baseball League Meeting will be tomorrow. Keith hopes to learn about the league's response to the pandemic.
 - iii. Keith announced that Grafton Parks was awarded the MN Twins Community Grant for the 8th Street Field project. The grant will be used to install fencing at the field. Dakota Fence is scheduled to start work on May 11th.
 - B. Director
 1. Parks
 - i. Bill reported that Grafton Parks was not selected for the Grafton Community Foundation's Super Grant for the proposed slide at Leistikow Park near the park's office.
 - ii. Tobacco Free signage has been installed at all of the parks and ball diamonds.
 - iii. The playgrounds in all of the parks in Grafton are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Grafton Parks is encouraging everyone to still enjoy the parks and walking trails, but stress following the CDC's guidelines for social distancing.
 2. Campground:
 - i. Gladen's mechanics have arrived to get their equipment ready for usage. The rest of the crew will start to come back to the campground, weather depending, around the 15th of April.
 - ii. Essential workers for the American Crystal Sugar project have been arriving at the campground. Bill mentioned that he has been in contact with American Crystal Sugar and state health officials to make sure we follow their essential worker guidelines.

- iii. A newsletter has been sent out to the Seasonal Campers stating that the \$100 early pay discount had been extended and that due to the US/Canada Border closure that they would be credited back any months that they are unable to travel to the Leistikow Park Campground.
- 3. Pool:
 - i. Chemicals have been ordered to take advantage of the pre-season sales. Bill mentioned that less chemicals were needed due to last year's weather. Chemical costs are down \$3,000 from last year.
 - ii. Park Staff will be ready to get the pool ready as they would in any normal year, but will need to delay filling the pool if social distancing guidelines have not loosened by the time the pool is scheduled to be filled mid-May.
- 4. Athletic Fields:
 - i. Still waiting to hear back from the Land Water Conservation Fund for the \$30,000 grant for the 8th Street Project that would cover the addition of a parking lot, walkway, and slab for concessions/bathrooms.
- 5. Arenas
 - i. The School Carnival to be held on May 4th has been canceled.
 - ii. Ice was removed Monday, March 16th due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - iii. North Stars Youth Hockey Mega Raffle has been postponed. New date is to be announced.
 - iv. Grafton Volunteer Fire Department Smoker has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 13th.
 - v. Farm Safety Show scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th has been canceled.
 - vi. Everything Goes Sale has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 6th.
- 6. Elmwood: (nothing to report)
- C. Business Manager
 - i. Matt shared COVID-19 projections based on social distancing remaining in effect until July 1st. Matt accounted for the programs and events that would be canceled and found that Grafton Parks would lose an estimated \$6,300. Matt pointed out that with the arrival of essential workers, the campground is on track with hitting its budgeted income of \$86,400, which is about \$40,000 down from last year.
- VI. Old Business:
- VII. New Business:
- VIII. Public Comments:
- IX. Adjournment: Motion made by Cory, seconded by Jess to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.