



Wednesday, March 11th, 2020
Grafton Parks & Recreation Board Room
715 West 5th Street
Grafton, ND 58237
5:15 p.m.

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order by Ryer Stark at 5:17 PM
- II. Board Members Present:
 - A. Board Members Present: Ryer Stark, Todd Storey, Jessica Tanke
 - B. Board Members Absent: Scott Hills, Cory Burns
 - C. Staff Present: Bill Dahl, Matt Opegard, Keith Blattenbauer
 - D. Media Present: Todd Morgan
- 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 February 12th Park Board Meeting. Todd made a motion to approve the minutes from the January Board Meeting. Jess seconded, motion passed all approved. Ryer asked for a motion for the authorization of expenditures as listed. Todd made a motion to approve the expenditures. Seconded by Jess, motion passed all approved to pay bills as listed. The February bank statement report was issued for the board to review.
- V. Reports:
 - A. Recreation Manager
 - i. Keith reported that 19 children have been registered for Soccer. Projecting to have 50-60 total registered by the time Soccer starts on April 7th.
 - ii. Keith will have a baseball coaches meeting on Monday, March 16th. They will discuss last year and possible changes to the baseball program.
 - iii. The Gymnastics/Figure Skating Fundraiser generated \$4,000 for the programs. Keith will split the proceeds between the 2 programs. This year's Figure Skating Show Costumes and Decorations will be covered by the fundraiser. Jess will let Keith know what equipment will be needed for next year.
 - iv. The Figure Skating Show program sponsors and advertisers have been filled. A total of \$880 was generated to help pay for the programs and show operating costs.
 - B. Director
 1. Parks
 - i. Bill reported that 6 new signs were ordered and installed at every possible trail entrance stating amount of the fine for those caught driving motorized vehicles on the Leistikow Park Trail System. A copy of the sign was present to the board.
 - ii. The North Valley Vocational School approached Bill with the possibility of starting a Community Orchard on Parks & Rec property near the Dog Park. Bill explained that the vocational school have been rewarded a grant to pay for the purchase and planting of the orchard plants. The City of Grafton will supply a water hookup near the orchard that the vocational school can connect to with garden hoses. Bill presented the agreement between the school and Grafton Parks that states that Parks & Rec will allow the school to plant the orchard on their property as long as they maintain the area and keep it clear of weeds. Grafton Parks will mow the area, but will not be

responsible to move any irrigation lines. The board liked the idea of the community orchard. Bill explained that the school will still try to fundraise to raise enough money to install a fence this fall.

- iii. The North Dakota Game & Fish Department awarded Grafton Parks the grant for the boat launch and dock for the Park River at Leistikow Park. Bill will meet with the ND Game & Fish when an assessment of the area is performed this spring.
- iv. Bill reported that Grafton Parks has submitted a letter of intent to the Grafton Community Foundation Super Grant. Jason & Christy Latraille presented the idea of Toboggan Slide similar to ones in Manitoba. The proposed structure will have 2 slides at 12' and 8' high. Bill explained that the slides will be used during the Corn Maze and throughout the winter. An overview of the structure and was presented to the board.

2. Campground:

- i. Gladen is planning on returning to the campground, weather depending, around the 15th of April.

3. Pool: (Nothing to Report)

4. Athletic Fields:

- i. Grant applications were sent in to the Land Water Conservation Fund and Minnesota Twins Grant for the 8th Street Field Project. A total of \$65,000 were requested from the grants. Bill will notify the board when Grafton Parks hears back from grantors.

5. Arenas

- i. Jayce Schumacher requested the use of the Centennial Center for a free School Carnival to be held on May 4th. The carnival would be open to all Grafton Public School students. Bill asked the board if they should charge something for extra cleaning. The board discussed the extra costs associated with the carnival. The board agreed to allow the school to use the arena for the carnival for free this year with the understanding that next year their maybe a charge associated with the usage of the arena for cleaning.
- ii. Bill reported that the ice will be removed following the conclusion of the skating show on Sunday, March 22nd.
- iii. North Stars Youth Hockey Mega Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th.
- iv. Grafton Volunteer Fire Department Smoker scheduled for Saturday, April 4th.
- v. Farm Safety Show scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th.
- vi. Everything Goes Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th.

6. Elmwood:

- i. Kandi Holt & Luann Oldenburg resigned from the Elmwood Board.
- ii. Sandy Stark joined the Elmwood Board.

C. Business Manager

- i. Matt reminded the Park Board that the election is to be held on June 9th. Ballot submission deadline is April 6th and 51 signatures will be needed at time of submission to City Hall.
- ii. Matt reported that the 12 month CD with Bremer Bank renewed at a much lower rate, but not as low as it could have been. The CD renewed for that another 12 months. Matt explained that he will start checking on CD rates, but not too excited to lock in any rates in this current market.

VI. Old Business:

VII. New Business:

VIII. Public Comments:

IX. Adjournment: Motion made by Jess, seconded by Todd to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.