



Wednesday, May 13th, 2020
Centennial Center Lobby
722 West 15th Street
Grafton, ND 58237
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, Todd Storey
 - B. Staff Present: Bill Dahl, Matt Oppegard, Todd Janikowski
 - C. Public 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 April 8th Park Board Meeting. Cory made a motion to approve the minutes from the April Board Meeting. Scott seconded, motion passed all approved. Ryer asked for a motion for the authorization of expenditures as listed. Scott made a motion to approve the expenditures. Seconded by Jess, motion passed all approved to pay bills as listed. The April bank statement report was issued for the board to review.
- V. Reports:
 - A. Recreation Manager
 - i. Matt reported baseball and girls fastpitch registrations are online. North Valley League hopes to start games the week of June 8th or 15th. State Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken will make a decision on if and when their season would start at their meeting on Friday. All national and regional tournaments have been canceled.
 - ii. Girls fastpitch will be all in house this year. Keith will try to pick up extra games. So far only ND teams are available to play. The MN governor will not allow any MN sports.
 - iii. The city of Grafton is not taking any reservations for the Armory and do not have a date as to when they will. The only week that works for the gymnastics coach, Jess, is June 22nd-26th. Keith will still try to have gymnastics in July is Jess's schedule changes to allow for it.
 - iv. Keith has been in contact with Sandy at Fair Oaks Golf Course and so far they have not reopened their driving range. Ryer mentioned that the driving range is now open. Keith will contact Fair Oaks when he is back from the hospital.
 - v. Matt is hopeful to start swim lessons in July. As of today, the class size limit is 5 or less per instructor. Classes need to be spaced out in the pool and may need to have parents in the water with their children. Matt mentioned that may change when Gov. Burgum comes out with phase 2 of ND Smart Restart, which is expected to be released next week.
 - B. Director
 1. Parks
 - i. Bill reported that the Leistikow Park Road suffered extensive damage from frost boils. Cones have been set up to prevent further damage. The city has

an asphalt project set for this summer. The park road will be repaired during that time.

- ii. Bill met with ND Game & Fish representative for the dock grant. Game and Fish will cover 75% of the dock & boat launch. Bill will provide a list of local contractors for Game & Fish. Game & Fish will start the project early August.

2. Campground:

- i. Gladen Construction has 22 total sites this year. There are 6 workers staying in the campground that are working at Crystal Sugar. Polar Communications will have 3 to 4 workers needing sites for the fiber optics being installed in the area.
- ii. The Canadian Boarder may reopen on May 20th, but news articles are already bring released expecting another 30 day extension to be placed on the boarder closure. The seasonal Canadians are eager to return to their sites and already know that they will be pro-rated any month that they cannot camp.
- iii. The campground internet was not working. Bill was able to get Midcontinent Communications to come out and service the campground wifi. Midcontinent explained that they will not provide IT work, but did help get 3 of 4 campground access points back operational. They warned that it will not happen again.

3. Pool:

- i. Bill explained the current restrictions that would not allow more than 50 people gain admittance to the pool. Bill also explained that June 15th was a date that we had been looking at hoping the COVID-19 restrictions would loosen before then. The board discussed different options to deal with the attendance restriction. The decision was made to wait to see what phase 2 of Gov. Burgum's ND Smart Restart looks like before deciding an opening date for the pool.
- ii. Bill presented the cost estimates that Associated Pool Builders calculated to repair the equipment room, upgrade equipment, and install a splash park. The total project is estimated to be over \$600,000. Bill will bring it up to the Grafton Parks & Rec Foundation at their 1st board meeting next Wednesday.

4. Athletic Fields:

- i. The Land Water Conservation Fund is allowing Grafton Parks to change the scope of the project. Going to include everything under phase 2 of the project with bathroom, concessions, sidewalk, and parking lot. Funds will not be available until 2021.

5. Arenas

- i. Everything Goes Sale was postponed to Saturday, June 6th. Will need to see what phase 2 of ND Smart Restart looks like to know if the event can happen or not.

6. Elmwood

- i. Todd installed a new sump pump for Elmwood.

C. Business Manager

- i. Matt shared the profit/loss report from 01/01/20 to 05/13/20. The board review the report. Matt pointed out that Grafton Parks is still on target compared to last year. Income is up \$10,000 and expenses are down \$64,000.

VI. Old Business:

VII. New Business:

VIII. Public Comments:

IX. Adjournment: Motion made by Jess, seconded by Cory to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.