



Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Grafton Parks & Recreation Board Room  
715 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grafton, ND 58237  
5:15 p.m.

**Minutes:**

- I. Call to Order by Scott Hills at 5:15 PM
- II. Board Members Present:
  - A. Board Members Present: Scott Hills, Cory Burns, Jon Jelinek, Jessica Tanke
  - B. Board Members Absent: Ryer Stark
  - C. Staff Present: Bill Dahl, Matt Oppeward, Todd Janikowski, Landen Einarson
  - D. Media Present: Todd Morgan
  - E. Public Present: Kristy Jelinek, Jayce Schumacher, Julie Campbell
- III. Scott asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. No changes were made.
- IV. Scott asked for an approval of the minutes from the June 9<sup>th</sup> Park Board Meeting. Cory made a motion to approve the minutes. Jon seconded, motion passed all approved. Scott asked for a motion for the authorization of expenditures as listed. Jon made a motion to approve the expenditures. Seconded by Jess, motion passed all approved to pay bills as listed. Matt did not get the June bank statement report completed in time for the meeting. The June bank statement report will be presented at the August Board Meeting.
- V. Members of the SOAR committee Kristy Jelinek, Jayce Schumacher, and Julie Campbell presented the Longest Table event near the Grafton Armory. The Longest Table is to bring community members together for a meal and a conversation designed to strengthen relationships and unite the community. The event is free to attend and will be held Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. They asked for the members of the Grafton Park board be present to provide their input. The SOAR members thanked the board for their time.
- VI. Reports:
  - A. Recreation Report
    - i. Landen reported that the North Valley League Babe Ruth tournament will start tomorrow at the Harris Halliday Field.
    - ii. Tennis Camp starts in 2 weeks and registrations are online now.
    - iii. Landen explained that Jon Koehmstedt reached out to him when the school decided to not offer 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Football. After several conversations and research, Landen decided to offer flag football for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. That will give the participants time to learn the game of football and work on their skills before doing full contact football at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level. Landen has found 5 individuals that would like to coach. Flag football can be played 5-on-5 or 7-on-7, which will be decided once we see the final number of registered participants. New equipment will need to be purchased for flag football.
    - iv. Tennis Camp starts July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Westview tennis courts. Needed to order new tennis balls, but we had all of the other equipment leftover from the last time Grafton Parks offered tennis.

- v. Cory asked about if hockey nets were moved to Westview as was discussed in early spring. Todd mentioned that he will get nets out there tomorrow.
  - vi. The cost of baseball had been brought up at the June board meeting. Landen explained that to reduce the cost of baseball we would need a strong commitment from the parents and coaches to fundraise. Landen also mentioned that field sponsors would be another way to bring in additional revenue. Landen asked the board if he should send out a survey to the parents to see if they want to fundraise for lower registration fees.
- B. Facility
- i. Todd reported that the park staff were almost done washing the boards at the outdoor rink at Schumacher Park.
  - ii. A new trailer to haul the infield groomer was purchased from Tractor Supply Company in Grand Forks.
  - iii. We purchased the schools used floor scrubber for \$2,000. Used funds that were earmarked for the new scoreboard that the Blue Line Club purchased.
  - iv. Park staff have removed 9 dead trees from Leistikow Park. Todd explained that there are a couple left to remove.
- C. Director
- 1. Parks
    - i. Bill presented the project for a new shelter in the Corn Maze area to the Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant in Bismarck. We were not awarded the grant. They would like to see higher local share for that project.
    - ii. The Land Water Conservation Fund for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Project is still tied up at the Federal level. We cannot start anything listed under that project until we receive an award letter from LWCF.
    - iii. Bill reported that the slab for the fitness equipment has been completed. Some of the equipment has arrived, but most of the equipment was shipped to Canada. The equipment and rubber tiles will be installed mid-August.
  - 2. Campground:
    - i. Lyle's wife broke her shoulder and he had to head back to Nevada. Hopes to be back by the end of August.
  - 3. Pool
    - i. The new patio loungers have come in and are now at the pool. There are 19 new loungers to use at the pool.
    - ii. Jess mentioned that one of the toilets in the Women's bathroom is out of order. Todd commented that he will take a look at it tomorrow.
  - 4. Arenas
    - i. The new scoreboard will be assembled in August. Bill mentioned that the wench may need to be replaced if it is not rated high enough.]
  - 5. Athletic Fields: (nothing to report)
  - 6. Elmwood: (nothing to report)
- D. Business Manager
- i. Matt presented the 2022 budget worksheets to the board for their review. The first reading of the 2022 budget will be August 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:05pm at the Grafton Parks office board room.
  - ii. The 2019 & 2020 audits have completed there work at the parks office. Still answering questions from Brady Martz. The audits should be completed soon.
- VI. Old Business:
- VII. New Business:
- VIII. Public Comments:
- IX. Adjournment: Jon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jess seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.