



Wednesday, September 8th, 2021
Grafton Parks & Recreation Board Room
715 West 5th 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: Ryer Stark, Scott Hills, Cory Burns, Jon Jelinek, Jessica Tanke
 - B. Staff Present: William Dahl, Matthew Oppgard, Todd Janikowski, Gabrielle Holand
 - C. Media Present: Todd Morgan
- III. Ryer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Jess added dance under Recreation Report.
- IV. Ryer asked for an approval of the minutes from the August 11th Park Board Meeting. Jon made a motion to approve the minutes. 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 Jess, motion passed all approved to pay bills as listed.
- V. The August bank statement report was presented to the board to review.
- VI. Reports:
 - A. Recreation Report
 - i. The board welcomed Gabbi Holand as the new Recreation Manager to the team.
 - ii. Gabbi reported that gymnastics currently has 37 registered participants across all groups. Gabbi met with Jess Monette. Jess is having a difficult time finding helpers. There needs to be an incentive to get parents to help. Gabbi discussed the issue with Bill and Matt. The incentive will be a full reimbursement for gymnastics and \$150 credit to their RecDesk account for anyone that helps with both tiny-tots and advanced groups 12 of the 15 sessions.
 - iii. Gabbi met with Lindsey Burns to discuss Figure Skating. Currently there are 3 registered participants for Figure Skating. This year the on-ice lessons will be every Thursday except for holidays or home high school hockey games. Levels Basic Skills and higher will have dryland every Tuesday in the Loft where Lindsey will teach cardio, balance, agility, stretching techniques, and strength. Dryland is part of the figure skating program and will be mandatory just like on-ice lessons.
 - iv. Learn-to-Skate Hockey currently has 3 registered participants. It will run a month longer than last year since there are no covid restrictions like last year. Lindsey and Gabbi are currently looking for helpers for the Learn-to-Skate programs.
 - v. Fall Hockey Camp currently has 2 registered participants. It will run from October 4th – 15th. Gabbi has reached out to Scott Robideaux about the hockey camp and the high school hockey season with no JV team. Scott

may still use all of the ice time anyway, but will let us know if he decides to reduce his practice time.

- vi. Jess mentioned that Dance is no longer being offered in Park River, which was Just for Kicks excuse to not allow a program to get started in Grafton. Gabbi will reach out to Just for Kicks and our previous coach to see if we could get dance started again.

B. Facility

- i. Todd reported that the boards at the outdoor rink in Schumacher Park are fully repaired and painted. Todd had reached out to the school to ask about their sand that was removed from their playground, but the school spread the sand in their parking lot. Todd asked the board if we should purchase sand to put down in the outdoor rink. Todd stressed that at the very least it will level the ground. The board agreed to go ahead with purchasing the sand. Estimated cost is \$1,200 for amount of sand needed.
- ii. The new scoreboard at the Centennial Center is fully assembled and goal lights are installed. Waiting on Rock's Electric to wire the scoreboard and goal lights to the controller at center ice. Once that is done Scott Kraft with North Stars Youth Hockey will reconnect their camera to stream games.
- iii. The pool has been drained and all rooms have been cleaned. There are a few more items to be done to be fully winterized.

C. Director

1. Parks

- i. Bill reported that the outdoor fitness equipment has arrived with damage. Bill has reached out to Game Time asking for a credit for all of the excessive scratches and replacements for the 3 parallel bars that were bent and scratched excessively. Our sales rep will be meeting with the Game Time executives to discuss our issue. They plan on installing the equipment the week of September 20th.
- ii. The Corn Maze opens this weekend on Saturday, September 11th. The park staff have been setting everything up. Little Bangkok food truck will be at the 1st week of the maze. Red Pepper and the corn hole tournament with Extra End will be next weekend (09/18). Bill extended a big thank you to this year's sponsors. There are 84 sponsors this year. They make it possible to add extra items and events each year.
- iii. Keith Shrank has been working on the landscaping around the Angel of Hope Memorial. Stumps have been ground and the landscaping has been leveled around the concrete slab. Next year the Angle of Hope committee will plant flowers and shrubs to further improve the area.

2. Campground:

- i. Express Employment is filling 30 sites and 5 cabins this year. We have seen an increase in campers coming in for seasonal help and construction. Bill explained that there is a construction job in Grand Forks, but all of the campgrounds are full with harvest workers making our campground the closest one available.

3. Pool: (Nothing to Report)

4. Arenas: (Nothing to Report)

5. Athletic Fields

- i. Bill has received the award letter from the Land Water Conservation Fund for the 8th Street Project. Bill is making contacts to see what parts of the project can still be completed this fall, but finding out that work is already lined up for the fall and our project may be pushed to the spring.

6. Elmwood: (nothing to report)
- D. Business Manager
 - i. Matt presented the Final Reading of the 2022 Budget. The board reviewed and discussed the 2022 Budget. Jess made a motion to approve the final reading of the 2022 budget. Cory seconded the motion, motion passed all approved.
- VI. Old Business:
- VII. New Business:
- VIII. Public Comments:
- IX. Adjournment: Jon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.