



Wednesday, February 8th, 2023
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 5:15 PM
- II. Board Members Present:
 - A. Board Members Present: Ryer Stark, Scott Hills, Cory Burns, Jon Jelinek, Kristi Olson
 - B. Staff Present: William Dahl, Matt Opegard, Todd Janikowski, Gabbi Holand
 - C. Media Present: Todd Morgan
- III. Ryer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Bill added School Parking Lot to Athletic Fields under the Director Report.
- IV. Ryer asked for an approval of the minutes from the January Park Board Meeting held on 01/11/23. Kristi made a motion to approve the minutes from the January Park Board meeting. Seconded by Jon, 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.
- V. Matt presented the January bank statement report for the Park Board's review.
- VI. Reports:
 - A. Recreation Report
 - i. Gabbi reported that the gymnastics is nearing completion. The final performance at the High School Basketball game went well. The end of the season open house will be Sunday, February 12th at the Armory.
 - ii. Figure Skating costumes will be handed out at practice on Tuesday, February 14th. Pictures will be taken February 21st.
 - iii. Skating show sponsors are coming in. Gabbi has been reaching out to past sponsors.
 - iv. The Anything Goes Sale will be April 29th. A few vendors and Hank's Ice Cream have already signed up for the event. Currently looking for more vendors and a food truck that would like to set up at the event. Those interested can find more information at graftonparks.com.
 - B. Facility
 - i. Todd reported that a smart thermostat has been installed in the warming house at Schumacher Park and it is working well. Now Todd has the ability to see the current temperature in the warming house and will know if there is an issue.
 - ii. The Centennial Center ice plant leak detector alarm went off again Tuesday morning. Absolute Refrigeration came out and inspected. Found a very small amount of oil on compressor #4 but cannot find where it came from. Absolute Refrigeration did locate loose motor mounts and loose fittings that could have caused the alarm. All mounts and fittings were retightened. Todd will monitor for any additional issues.

C. Director

1. Parks

- i. Bill reported that he would like to order the new equipment for Pumpkin Park within the next week. Gabbi distributed an overview of raised funds of \$23,001 and expected expense of the new playground equipment with shipping of \$21,045. Gabbi also shared an overview of the space and how the new items would look after installation. The \$1,956 left over will be used for installation supplies, such as concrete, and labor to have the old equipment removed and the new equipment installed. Ryer asked for a motion to purchase the Pumpkin Park equipment. Kristi made a motion to purchase the equipment for Pumpkin Park. Cory seconded the motion; motion passed all approved.
- ii. Bill reported that tennis and basketball lines will be repainted at Leistikow, Pumpkin, and Chase Parks. Westview may not get repainted due to a possible grant for pickleball courts.
- iii. Bill will be submitting a letter of intent for the Grafton Community Foundation Super Grant for the purchase and installation of tiled pickleball courts with new nets and posts.

2. Campground: (nothing to report)

3. Pool:

- i. Bill asked if the board had any reservations about asking the city council to have a measure added to the 2024 election for a 0.25% increase in sales tax to raise funds for a major pool project. Bill explained the need for a major pool project and the board discussed ways to go about presenting a large project. Bill explained that the public sees a well-maintained pool with clean water and a solid deck, but they don't see the sinking equipment room floor or the underground leak. The board agreed that it will be hard to sell the project without an engineered drawing, which is estimated to be around \$70,000. Bill will move forward with discussions with the city.

4. Arenas:

- i. Bill reported that the final bill for the trophy case came in last month and so far, youth hockey has reimbursed \$5,000 of the cost for the trophy case. With the \$25,000 donated by the Grafton Blue Line Club and the \$5,000 donated by the Grafton Park Board there is an outstanding balance of \$13,090. Ryer updated the board that youth hockey is working on covering the remaining balance through some funding sources coming in soon.

5. Athletic Fields:

- i. Bill reported that VoTech construction class is still scheduled to start back up this month to complete their portion of the 8th Street concession/bathroom project.
- ii. Bill presented a preliminary parking lot proposal from Grafton Public School that would add additional parking spaces on Grafton Park Board property next to the complex fields. Bill explained that this project will benefit the North and South Complex fields and will prevent people from parking on the grass, which is a common problem when games are played. Scott motioned to allow Grafton Public School to pave additional parking spaces on the Park Board's property as shown in the preliminary parking lot survey presented at this meeting. Jon seconded the motion; motion passed all approved.

6. Elmwood:

- i. Elmwood has another rental February 17th. Loui Johnson should be done with the interior ceiling tile replacement by then.

D. Business Manager

- i. Matt reminded the board that there will be a Facility Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 15th at 5:15pm.
- ii. There will also be a meeting with youth hockey to discuss the possibility of adding a second ice sheet to the east of the Centennial Center at 6:15pm on Wednesday, February 15th. Kristi mentioned that the meeting might be put on hold if there are youth hockey new arena committee members that cannot be there with answers to questions asked at the meeting with youth hockey in January.

X. Old Business:

XI. New Business:

XII. Public Comments:

XIII. Adjournment: Kristi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.