



Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
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 Ryer Stark at 5:15 PM
- II. Board Members Present:
  - A. Board Members Present: Ryer Stark, Scott Hills, Cory Burns, Kristi Olson
  - B. Board Members Absent: Jon Jelinek
  - C. Staff Present: William Dahl, Matt Oppegard, Todd Janikowski, Gabbi Holand
  - D. Media Present: Todd Morgan
- III. Ryer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.
- IV. Ryer asked for an approval of the minutes from the February Park Board Meeting held on 02/08/23 and Facilities Committee Meeting held on 02/15/23. Cory made a motion to approve the minutes from the February Park Board meeting and the Facilities Committee Meeting. Seconded by Scott, 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 Kristi, motion passed all approved to pay bills as listed.
- V. Matt presented the February bank statement report for the Park Board's review.
- VI. Reports:
  - A. Recreation Report
    - i. Gabbi reported that soccer registrations are rolling in with 47 participants already registered. Soccer starts Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Centennial Center.
    - ii. Gabbi is looking for golf and tennis instructors and helpers. Anyone interested can fill out an application found on our website, [graftonparks.com](http://graftonparks.com).
    - iii. Figure skaters are gearing up for the show with extra practices next week. The Skating Show will be held Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
    - iv. The Anything Goes Sale only has 9 vendor booths remaining. The sale will take place April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm.
  - B. Facility
    - i. Todd reported that the ice plant is scheduled to be shut down Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> after the skating show. Todd will shave as much ice off as possible with the Zamboni to speed up the process. With the Mega Raffle the following Saturday, there are only 3 days to take the ice off and clean the arena floor for the event.
  - C. Director
    1. Parks
      - i. Bill reported that he and Ryer signed the quit claim deed for the purchase of the LSTC Bowl property.
      - ii. The new Pumpkin Park equipment is on order. The swing set should arrive next week. The rest of the equipment is made to order with estimated arrival dates in late May and June.

- iii. Bill has purchased more heavy-duty axe throwing games for the corn maze from Costco. We will also add a wall ball game and themed bags toss game.
  2. Campground:
    - i. Express Employment has reserved 40 sites and all 6 cabins for this year's harvest. Bill reported that the campground has already been taking reservations for seasonals and contractors for this summer.
  3. Pool:
    - i. Gabbi put together an online survey to help gauge public support for a pool project. With 537 responses 96.6% agree that the pool is important to Grafton, 95.3% want to see upgrades such as a splash park added to the pool, and 66.1% said they would like to attend an open forum to hear about the issues facing the pool.
    - ii. Bill finally heard back from Associated Pool Builders in Bismarck. They explained that the Park Board is not ready for engineering yet, which comes when funding/financing is in place. Associated Pool can do a conceptual rendering of the project which would give the Park Board something to show the public to gain support for the project. Bill explained that it costs \$6,000 for the conceptual rendering which we could use the 2023 building fund allocation for the pool liner to cover the cost. The liner is still in good shape and a renovation project would force the replacement of the liner anyway. Cory made a motion to reallocate \$6,000 from the 2023 building fund pool liner allocation to cover the cost of the conceptual rendering for a future pool renovation project. Kristi seconded the motion, motion passed all approved.
  4. Arenas:
    - i. Bill presented the recommendation from the Facilities Committee to raise the Centennial Center usage agreement rates for the High School, Youth Hockey, and Border Blades. Scott asked if these groups have been notified of the increase. Bill explained that each of the heads of the 3 organizations have been contacted and the feedback has been that they understand the reasoning, and some have been expecting it. Kristi made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Facilities Committee to raise the rental agreement rates for High School, Youth Hockey, and Border Blades over the next 2 years. Scott seconded the motion, motion passed all approved.
    - ii. The North Stars Youth Hockey Mega Raffle will be held on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. The Grafton Volunteer Fireman Smoker will be held on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - iv. Grafton's Anything Goes Sale will take place on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm.
  5. Athletic Fields:
    - i. Bill reported that VoTech construction class might restart on the 8<sup>th</sup> Street concession/bathroom project the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>. Pete Holland explained that they can have their part of the project completed in a week or 2.
  6. Elmwood: (Nothing to Report)
- D. Business Manager
- i. Matt asked if the Park Board wanted to make any changes to the Authorized Signatures currently it's Ryer, Bill, and Matt. Kristi made a motion to keep the Authorized Signatures with Ryer, Bill, and Matt. Cory seconded the motion, motion passed all approved.
- X. Old Business:
  - XI. New Business:
  - XII. Public Comments:
  - XIII. Adjournment: Kristi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cory seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.