



Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
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, Todd Storey, Jessica Tanke
  - B. Staff Present: Bill Dahl, Matt Opegard, Todd Janikowski, Keith Blattenbauer
  - C. Media Present: Todd Morgan
- III. Ryer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Matt asked that the Walsh County Department of Health be moved above the approvals. Ryer agreed and asked the Walsh County Health to present.
- IV. Walsh County Department of Health presented with Tobacco Free ND, Tobacco Collation, and FCCLA high school project. The board asked for additional information from policing to existing policies from other cities and townships that have adopted a tobacco free policy. Walsh County Health agreed to share more information. The board tabled any decisions until more information is received.
- V. Ryer asked for an approval of the minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> board meetings. Cory made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> board meetings. Todd 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 July bank statement report was issued for the board to review.
- VI. Reports:
  - A. Recreation Manager
    - i. Keith reported that Glow Ball Tournament is coming up on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm. So far 3 teams have registered.
    - ii. Kickball registrations are weak with only 1 team committing to play. Kickball will have to be canceled, if additional teams do not come forward.
    - iii. Hockey Camp will run Monday-Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> to October 18<sup>th</sup>. Registrations are online now.
    - iv. All gymnastics classes are moving to Sundays for this season. Getting positive reviews after the move was announced. So far 7 have registered for gymnastics. Gymnastics starts October 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - v. Figure skating will need to find 7 make up days if it remains on Tuesdays. Five home high school hockey games and 2 holidays would make this season very challenging. Figure skating will be moving to Sundays where less make up days will need to be scheduled.
    - vi. The park staff have started updating 8<sup>th</sup> Street Diamond. Keith and Matt will be looking for grants to start the next phase of the project.
  - B. Director

1. Parks

- i. Bill reported that the Corn Maze is coming up with the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend set for Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Patty has been working on contacting businesses for Corn Maze sponsorships. Patty has collected 60 sponsorships so far. The sponsorships have paid for inflatables for all weekends, giant connect 4 sets, and Pedal Cars for races. Hanson's Chevrolet Buick GMC has committed to donate \$3,500 towards the Corn Maze Festivities.
- ii. Bill reported that school field trips will be booked right away rather than waiting for October.
- iii. The concrete work for the Angle of Hope monument has been completed. Lighting is currently underway.
- iv. The state school have approached Grafton Parks and Rec with a proposal for donating the land on the south side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street (across from the campground). Bill explained the proposal and will work on an agreement with the state school.

2. Pool:

- i. The boiler will not stay lit for more than an hour at a time. A new part is on order and will be replaced early next week.
- ii. The last day of the pool will be Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

3. Campground:

- i. Bill reported that the site expansion south of the cabins are completed. The park staff have seeded the grass and Lyle will start watering periodically to help the grass get established.
- ii. Bill explained that the North Dakota Health Department have noted that the sites on the east row of the campground are too close. The health department requires each site to be 10' apart. Next spring the park staff will reduce the amount of sites in the east row to adhere to the health department's specifications.

4. Athletic Fields: (Nothing to Report)

5. Arenas

- i. The metal siding to replace the damaged sections at the Centennial Center have arrived. The park staff will start on the project next week.
- ii. North Star Youth Hockey approached Grafton Parks & Rec to make ice 2 weeks earlier. The board discussed the issue again. Worries of the effect on the Fall Hockey Camp and how much youth hockey is willing to spend were the 2 issues that were brought up. The board elected to table the discussion to a later date.

6. Elmwood: (Nothing to Report)

C. Business Manager

- i. Matt reported that the final reading of the 2020 Budget will be held at the September Grafton Park Board Meeting on 09/11/2019.

VI. Old Business:

VII. New Business:

- A. Scott brought up that the skate park was missing a ramp. Bill explained that the wood was rotten and needed to be removed for safety. Scott asked if it would be replaced. No plans have been made to date. Jess mentioned that her kids like to spend time at the Chase Skate Park with their bikes.

VIII. Public Comments:

- IX. Adjournment: Motion made by Cory, seconded by Todd to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.