



Wednesday, April 14th, 2021
Centennial Center Lobby
722 West 15th 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, Jessica Tanke, Jon Jelinek
 - B. Staff Present: Bill Dahl, Matt Oppegard, Todd Janikowski, Landen Einarson
 - C. Media Present: Todd Morgan
- III. Ryer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Jess added baseball to Recreation Report.
- IV. Ryer asked for an approval of the minutes from the March 10th Park Board Meeting. Cory 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 Jon, motion passed all approved to pay bills as listed. A copy of the March bank statement report was presented to the board for review.
- V. Reports:
 - A. Schumacher Park Soccer Nets
 - i. Matt explained that Kristi Olson was scheduled to come to the meeting to discuss the possibility of adding regulation sized nets to Schumacher Park. She had discussed the idea with the Unity Foundation who had agreed to help donate to the project. The old nets from Westview Park were found at a city dump site. The nets were transported back to the park shop where they were repaired and now are at Schumacher Park. The Elementary School replaced their regulation sized soccer nets with smaller nets for their playground. Bill has been in contact with the school to see if they would donate the nets to Schumacher Park. With those 2 developments Schumacher Park may end up with two 12'x6' nets and two regulation sized nets.
 - B. Recreation Report
 - i. Landen reported that soccer registrations are up with Pre-K & Kindergarten being the largest sized group. Landen presented a profit/loss comparison dating back to 2018.
 - ii. Now with nets at Schumacher Park, Landen has been in contact with area programs to try to line up a game at Schumacher Park.
 - iii. The Skating Show went well with similar net income from past years. Landen presented a profit/loss comparison to the board for the skating show dating back to 2018. Landen also presented a profit/loss comparison to the board for the whole Figure Skating program that included Learn-to-Skate Hockey.

- iv. Landen has been placing ads on Facebook and KXPO radio stations for the campground, programs, and lifeguard/pool managers job ads.
- v. The Girls Fastpitch 14U team will compete in the local league and will play teams from area towns.
- vi. Jess asked when baseball was starting. Landen answered that T-ball would be June and all others will start in May. If coaches want to start practicing, they could start today. The only thing holding the coaches back is the low number of participants registered for baseball. If more would register they would have enough to start practice sooner.

C. Facility

- i. Todd reported that the new Leistikow Park pump house is fully framed up. It will get medal siding next week.
- ii. The rental house bathroom remodel is underway. The tub, shower, and toilet have been replaced. New flooring has been installed. Bathroom drywall and kitchen false ceiling will be finished in the next week.
- iii. Damaged and dead trees have been removed in Leistikow Park. The city ground the stumps, but the weather changed before the park staff could deal with the wood chip piles. They will be taken care of as soon as the weather improves.
- iv. Todd has been in contact with the school about the possibility of purchasing their used floor scrubber when they upgrade. The current floor scrubber at the Centennial Center is getting out of date. Parts for the floor scrubber are no longer available.
- v. Jon Suda will be donating topsoil for the flower beds at the parks.

D. Director

1. Parks

- i. Bill reported that we will be donating the use of 2 pickups and 2 park staff for the city's Spring Cleanup Day on May 12th.
- ii. Bill has submitted for a new community event shelter in the Corn Maze area to the Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant. We should hear if we have been selected after May 1st.
- iii. North Valley VoTech and Grafton Parks are working with the city to connect the water from the Dog Park to the Community Orchard. Hoping to get the materials and hookup donated to the Community Orchard.

2. Campground:

- i. The new wifi equipment has been installed in the campground. More access points will be added to Leistikow Park for security cameras that Kerry DeMars have donated to Grafton Parks.
- ii. The 1st camper arrived on April 2nd. The campground currently has 2 campers.

3. Arenas

- i. Bill reported that the fireman's smoker numbers were down, but was still a great night for them.
- ii. Upcoming events at the Centennial Center include Elementary School field trip April 23rd, Grafton Public Schools Carnival May 3rd, and the Everything Goes Sale on May 8th. There are also 3 graduation parties scheduled for the end of May.

4. Athletic Fields:

- i. Grafton Schools have been in contact with Bill about the possibility with signing a 10 year use agreement for the school's old stage that they have replaced with a new one. The stage would cost the parks \$5,000 over the course of 10 years, but to purchase a stage would cost much more. Bill explained how the stage could be used for the Centennial Center or at an

outdoor event. Jess made a motion to trade 10 years of complex field usage for Grafton Public School's old stage. Jon seconded the motion. Motion passed all approved.

- ii. Bill received a letter from the North Dakota Parks & Recreation Grants Coordinator stating that our grant has been approved by the state and has now moved on to the federal level. We should hear back from them in 2 months. The project cannot move forward until we receive approval from the federal level, which pushes the project back to July.

5. Elmwood:

- i. Elmwood has seen plenty of rentals for graduation and beyond for the summer. The Elmwood board is pleased with the amount of rentals being booked for the summer of 2021.

E. Business Manager

- i. Matt explained that he has scheduled an audit for Grafton Parks with Brady Martz. They will be in contact with Matt, but expect the audit to start sometime this summer.
- ii. Matt presented the year-to-date profit loss and pointed out a couple key differences from this year to last year. Current net income is \$26,910 ahead of last year, which can be attributed to a reduction in expenses and the increased valuation of the mill.

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 5:58 pm.