



Wednesday, June 9th, 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, Jon Jelinek
 - B. Board Members Absent: Jessica Tanke
 - C. Staff Present: Bill Dahl, Matt Oppegard, Todd Janikowski
 - D. Media Present: Todd Morgan
 - E. Public Present: Dave Hills, Roger Stark
- III. Ryer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Jon asked that a couple items get added under New Business.
- IV. Ryer asked for an approval of the minutes from the May 12th Park Board Meeting and the May 19th Parks Facility Committee 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. Scott made a motion to approve the expenditures. Seconded by Jon, motion passed all approved to pay bills as listed. A copy of the May bank statement report was presented to the board for review.
- V. Reports:
 - A. Tana Olson presented the Trophy Case Committee's ideas and questions for a future trophy case at the Centennial Center.
 - B. Recreation Report
 - i. Bill reported that Landen has enlisted with the army and has been accepted. Landen starts basic training on August 15th. He will continue his job duties into August giving the Grafton Park Board to find his replacement.
 - ii. Matt asked Jon to present his recreation items so he could answer them to the best of his knowledge:
 - 1 Jon said he had a couple people say they were not happy with communication with last minute changes not getting to the parents. Matt explained that emails are sent out to the parents about any changes that are made to the schedule, but the coaches need to be the ones quarterbacking the communication with their team either via an app or text. Jon asked if they could set up a team manager like they do for hockey that would communicate to the rest of the parents on that team. Matt will relay that idea to Landen.
 - 2 One parent complained about a field not being ready for a Sunday girls' fastpitch game. Matt explained that the game was not relayed to the parks office so the parks staff were not aware of a weekend game.
 - 3 A top pipe at the north complex field is protruding out that could be a hazard if someone were to hit it. Todd will take a look at it and see how it can be repaired.

- 4 The school sent out an email explaining that they were no longer offer 4th grade football and that Grafton Parks were going to take it over. Matt explained that the school approached Landen asking if Grafton Parks would want to take over 4th grade football. Landen told the school that we were interested in it. Landen will get the ball rolling on setting it up with coaches and equipment.
 - iii. A lot of last minute registrations are coming in for baseball, girls fastpitch, and t-ball. T-Ball was up to 68 participants between the morning and evening groups.
 - iv. Plenty of lifeguards have applied after our last Board Meeting. Ended up with 13 lifeguards and all are showing more initiative then some past lifeguards. They were trained at the outdoor pool the 1st week of June. Swim lessons started Monday and are going well.
- C. Facility
- i. The new pump house in Leistikow Park is done and working well.
 - ii. Park staff is pressure washing the boards at the outdoor rink at Schumacher Park. Found 8 sheets of plywood that need to be replaced. Going to prime and paint after the rotten wood is replaced.
 - iii. Todd explained that they are on the look out for a new 6'x8' trailer with ramp that can be used to haul the super rake from field to field. The board will keep an eye out for trailers that may work.
 - iv. Todd has started to price out an irrigation system for the Leistikow Park flower beds. Currently it is taking too many man hours to turn off the water, move hoses, and then restart.
 - v. Todd asked the board if we should purchase a shed from the Voc School. The original buyer backed out. The shed is 10'x12' with a 7' rollup door and would be used to store the kayaks and paddle boats. The shed would cost \$3,200 delivered. The Board would like to see the shed to see if it would make sense.
- D. Director
1. Parks
 - i. Bill will be presenting the project for a new shelter in the Corn Maze area to the Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant in Bismarck.
 - ii. All of the flower beds have been planted.
 - iii. Bill reported that Grafton Parks has been rewarded the Grafton Community Foundation Super Grant for outdoor fitness equipment. The grant will cover \$50,000 of expenses for the fitness equipment, concrete, and shock absorbing tile flooring. Pete Holland will be working on the concrete soon so it is ready for the tile and equipment by late July.
 2. Campground:
 - i. There are 12 campsites occupied with 10 staying a month or longer.
 3. Pool
 - i. The pool is now using the campground internet and working well. Should help reduce the annual losses at the pool.
 4. Arenas
 - i. The new scoreboard has been delivered, but had some damage during transit. The Grafton Blue Line Club paid for the whole scoreboard. The Board extended a thank you to the Blue Line Club for their generous donation.
 - ii. Bill and Matt met with Nick Ziegelmann and have a new 5 year agreement that Nick will present to the Ways and Means committee. Grafton Parks will lose the recreation levy from the city that they will use to repair the city bike path. In return the city will increase the joint powers agreement to make up for the loss.
 5. Athletic Fields: (nothing to report)

6. Elmwood: (nothing to report)

E. Business Manager

- i. Matt explained that the North Dakota Fire & Tornado will be increasing by 14% which will be factored in when building the 2022 budget.
- ii. The 2019 & 2020 audits have started. Brady Martz will be at the parks office at the end of the month to perform the onsite items of the audit.

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 6:23 pm.