



Wednesday, May 12th, 2021
Centennial Center Lobby
722 West 15th Street
Grafton, ND 58237
5:15 p.m.

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order by Ryer Stark at 5:13 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
 - C. 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 April 14th Park Board Meeting. Jess 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 Jess, motion passed all approved to pay bills as listed. A copy of the April bank statement report was presented to the board for review.
- V. Reports:
 - A. Recreation Report
 - i. Matt reported that both beginner and advanced golf registrations are online. Aden and Ainsley will coach again this year, but due to their summer schedules they can only have lessons 2 weeks in July and 2 weeks in August. Like last year, there will be 6 lessons per session.
 - ii. Now is the time to register for baseball and girls fastpitch. Rosters need to be turned into the league as soon as possible and t-shirts for t-ball and 8U must be ordered next week.
 - iii. Cory asked if we had any pitching machines. Bill explained that we had 2 but they would be too big to transport from location to location. Todd Janikowski will check the pitching machines and see if they will work for 8U baseball. If not there are smaller pitching machines that could be purchased if that is something that they would want to fundraise to purchase this year.
 - B. Facility
 - i. The rental house bathroom remodel has been completed.
 - ii. A used Smithco Super Rake was purchased and is being restored to be used on the baseball fields, playgrounds, and sand volleyball court. Total cost of the machine, parts, and labor will come to around \$900. New 3 wheeled field grooming machines retail for around \$22,000.
 - iii. The holes where the trees were removed in Leistikow Park have been filled and grass planted.
 - iv. Todd extended a thank you to Grafton Floral and Hill's Inc for donating trees to Grafton Parks. The trees were mostly planted in the campground where shade is needed. Other trees were planted throughout Leistikow Park.

- v. Vo Tech will be installing the metal siding onto the new pump house in Leistikow Park.
- vi. All of the batting cages are up at the Complex and Chandler Fields.
- vii. The new mower was delivered last week and had its first use yesterday. Todd mentioned that we did not get the rear discharge as discussed a couple months ago. The mower that could handle the rear discharge were on backorder until November so we ordered the same mower as we have been getting the last few years. Cory mentioned that the city got the rear discharge mower and will see how it works for them.

C. Director

1. Parks

- i. Bill resubmitted for a new community event shelter in the Corn Maze area to the Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant and has passed the qualification round. We should hear if this project is selected to receive the grant in a couple months.
- ii. Bill met with the city, Vo Tech, and Kilmer Excavating to discuss what was needed to provide water to the community orchard. The city will donate boring of the line to the orchard. Vo Tech will pay Kilmer to put in a hydrant and connectors. Grafton Parks will donate the water.

2. Campground:

- i. There are 5 campsites and 4 cabins that are occupied.

3. Pool

- i. The park staff will start cleaning up the pool this week.
- ii. We are having difficulty getting applicants for Lifeguards. Currently we have 4 that have applied to be lifeguards. Bill explained that we have raised the starting wage to \$12 and offer incentives to work weekends. Plus an end of season bonus is awarded to the lifeguards that work through to the end of the season. The job is being advertised on the job line, on facebook, on our website, and on posters around town. Landen will be setting up a table at the High School to see if he can find anymore applicants. If not we will have to look at reducing operating hours.

4. Arenas

- i. The new scoreboard will be arriving this week. The old scoreboard will be advertised for sale.
- ii. Last year's Centennial Center Usage Contracts for the high school and North Stars Youth Hockey were presented to the board. Bill asked if the board felt that they should stay the same or should see some form of an increase. The board decided that more information will be needed to come to an informed decision. A Committee Meeting has been set for noon on May 19th at the Centennial Center Lobby. Matt will make sure to develop some reports that will help the board come to a decision.

5. Athletic Fields:

- i. Men's and Women's softball will start next week.

6. Elmwood:

- i. The Elmwood Board are pleased with the amount of rentals that they have from wedding receptions to daily rentals for graduation.
- ii. The park staff will be removing a dead tree on the Elmwood property next week.

D. Business Manager

- i. Matt explained that he is starting to work on the 2022 Budget and will have something for the board at the June meeting.
- ii. Matt presented the year-to-date profit loss. Current net income is \$45,000 ahead of last year, which can be attributed to a reduction in expenses and the increase in registrations. At this time last year we still did not know if we would have baseball or any other programs. Matt pointed out that the

campground income is down from last year and we will see that continue unless the US/Canada border reopens.

- VI. Old Business:
- VII. New Business:
 - i. Bill encouraged all of the board members to read Ryer's article in the Focus Magazine.
- VIII. Public Comments:
- IX. Adjournment: Cory made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.