



Wednesday, October 9th, 2024
Grafton Parks & Recreation Board Room
715 West 5th Street
Grafton, ND 58237
5:15 p.m.

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order by Kristi Olson at 5:15 PM
- II. Board Members Present:
 - A. Board Members Present: Kristi Olson, Scott Hills, Cory Burns, Darrin Wollitz
 - B. Board Members Absent: Jon Jelinek
 - C. Staff Present: William Dahl, Matt Oppegard, Gabbi Holland
- III. Kristi asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.
- IV. Kristi asked for an approval of the minutes from the September Park Board Meeting held on 09/11/24. Cory made a motion to approve the minutes from the September Park Board meeting. Seconded by Darrin, motion passed all approved.
- V. Kristi asked for a motion for the authorization of expenditures as listed. Scott made a motion to approve the expenditures as listed. Seconded by Darrin, motion passed all approved to pay bills.
- VI. Matt will present the September bank statement report at the November Park Board Meeting.
- VII. Reports:
 - A. Recreation Report
 - i. Gabbi reported that the Corn Maze Field Trips went well. 1,101 kids visited the Corn Maze for field trips. Up by 2 kids from last year.
 - ii. Gymnastics started last Sunday. The Candlelight Hike will be the Gymnastics fundraiser this year which will be held on a full moon on February 12th, 2025.
 - iii. Fall Power Skating will start Sunday. Currently there are 12 registered for power skating.
 - iv. Figure Skating starts November 7th. Figure skaters will run the concessions at the hockey game on January 30th so hockey parents will run concessions for the Grafton Skating Show which will be March 15th & 16th.
 - v. The Grafton Skating Competition will be this year's fundraiser for Figure Skating, which will be held on January 26th.
 - vi. Gabbi has submitted for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant for the Leistikow Park tennis/basketball court improvement project. Winners are announced in February 2025 with funding starting in March 2025.
 - B. Director
 1. Parks
 - i. Bill reported that the 2024 Grafton Corn Maze admissions ended down from previous years. Bill explained that the unseasonably warm and windy weather may have been a determining factor for this year's attendance. Matt shared a report showing daily attendance from the past 5 years. Bill shared that preliminary reports show expenses are down this year so the Corn Maze should net close to last year. Matt will have the profit/loss report ready at the November Board meeting.

- ii. The park restrooms and pool will be winterized next week.
- 2. Campground:
 - i. Bill reported that Cabin 8 interior walls have been framed in. Bill has the plumber and electrician scheduled to have their rough in completed by the end of the month.
 - ii. Express ended with 40 sites and 5 cabins. Matt will have a Profit/Loss report ready for the November Board meeting.
- 3. Pool:
 - i. Bill reported that more meetings have been scheduled with Kristi Wilfahrt as she continues to work on the feasibility study.
- 4. Arenas:
 - i. Absolute Refrigeration performed the ice plant start up at the Centennial Center which included servicing of the ice plant. 12 filters were changed, and the brine was acid tested.
 - ii. Bill explained that Matt Olson approached him about the Fall Hockey Camp and asked what it would take for youth hockey to absorb it into their regular ice time. Matt Oppgaard figured out the Fall Hockey Camp's average net income from the past 3 years and shared the price of the 2 weeks with youth hockey. The Grafton Blue Line Club agreed to pay for the ice time this year. North Stars Youth Hockey plans to cover the cost of the extra ice time annually.
- 5. Athletic Fields:
 - i. The bathrooms/concessions at 8th Street Diamond & the Complex Fields along with the water lines at Chandler fields will be winterized next week.
- 6. Elmwood:
 - i. The Elmwood Board paid for the lift so Rick could repair the leaking sills around the attic windows. Rick also cleaned the gutters, repaired the fascia, and repaired the holes that were drilled into the attic that were used to blow in insulation.
 - ii. The Elmwood Board is getting ready for Spencer's Spaghetti Supper to be held on Tuesday, November 5th (Election Day).
- C. Business Manager
 - i. Matt reported that he is still working on the Giving Hearts Day (GHD) page. The deadline to have the page done and uploaded is October 31st.
- X. Old Business:
- XI. New Business:
- XII. Public Comments:
- XIII. Adjournment: Darrin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.