



Wednesday, February 12th, 2025
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, Jon Jelinek, Darrin Wollitz
 - B. Staff Present: William Dahl, Matt Opegard, Gabbi Holand
 - C. Media Present: Todd Morgan
- III. Kristi asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Jon added hockey boards to Arenas under the Director's Report.
- IV. Kristi asked for approval of the minutes from the January Park Board Meeting held on 01/08/2025. Cory made a motion to approve the minutes from the January Park Board meeting. Seconded by Scott, the 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, the motion passed all approved to pay bills.
- VI. Matt presented the January bank statement reports to the Park Board for their review.
- VII. Reports:
 - A. Recreation Manager
 - i. Gabbi reported that the Figure Skating Competition held on January 26th revenue totaled \$15,000. Net income came to \$12,000 after expenses.
 - ii. Gabbi presented the skating show program flyer that will be shared with area businesses. The Skating Show is scheduled for Saturday, March 15th at 5pm and Sunday, March 16th at 2pm.
 - iii. Soccer registrations are online now. There will be 10 practices due to other events that are scheduled for the Centennial Center in April.
 - iv. The Candlelight Hike was canceled due to extreme cold weather. Gabbi explained that next year there will be 2 dates announced so if the event needs to be canceled due to weather again there will be a tentative date that the event will be rescheduled to.
 - v. Gabbi is working on Lifeguard applications and will have them online next week.
 - B. Director
 1. Parks
 - i. Bill reported that the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce donated \$500 to Grafton Parks to help offset the electric bill for the Boy Scout Cabin.
 - ii. Bill has not received any word yet about the special roads fund grant that was submitted. Should hear something by the end of the month.
 - iii. Bill received all the information for the recreation trails grant that was awarded to Grafton Parks for the replacement of the bridge by Duck's Bend. The project will require a Clean Water Act permit. KLJ will assist Bill with the completion of that form.

- iv. Grafton Parks will be submitting for the Grafton Community Foundation Super Grant for the Leistikow Park tennis and basketball courts. The proposed project will add pickleball courts, an elementary basketball court, and renovate the high school basketball court in its current position. This project was submitted for the T-Mobile grant, but Grafton Parks was not awarded that grant.
 - v. Bill reported that the new Bobcat Snowblower has been purchased.
- 2. Campground:
 - i. Bill explained that the park staff are ready to resume the Cabin 8 project once the weather warms up.
- 3. Pool:
 - i. Bill reported that Kristi Wilfahrt is working on finding funding for the pool project at the state level. House Bill 1548 that would have awarded \$10 million for the indoor fitness/pool project did not pass the North Dakota House. The state house would like to see more organization prior to submitting a bill. Asked for the bill to be resubmitted for the next biennium with more information about the project and a business plan study that is currently in the works with IBIS Enterprises.
 - ii. Bill reported that a second bill, Senate Bill 2390, for the Rural Catalyst Grant is currently going through the senate. If passed it could award grants up to \$5 million for rural quality of life projects. Our pool project would qualify.
- 4. Arenas:
 - i. Jon asked if there could be something done about the west entrance gate to the ice. The Zamboni conditioner caught the opening causing the boards to go out of alignment. Bill explained that the ice fills in the void caused by the Zamboni making it impossible to fix until the ice is removed from the arena floor at the end of the season.
 - ii. Bill reported that the handicap door opener has been installed on the doors between the lobby and arena. The exterior handicap door opener was also replaced.
 - iii. The Sparx Sharpener has been installed in the Centennial Center office. Gabbi has been trained in on the sharpener and will train the arena staff at a later date.
 - iv. Bill reported that the Zero Zone ice plant compressor control circuit short had been repaired, but Bill ran into issues when restarting the heat reclaim system. DRI found that the refrigerant cools too much after the refrigerant returns from the reclaim and is routed outside when it is too cold outside. DRI tried to turn off the outside chiller fans, but found that Zero Zone programming would not allow the fans to be set below 10%. DRI vacuumed the refrigerant back into the system and restarted with the heat reclaim off. The heat reclaim system will remain off until it warms up outside. Bill will check with Zero Zone to see if they can reprogram the fans.
- 5. Athletic Fields:
 - i. Bill and Matt worked with Chris Lipsh and Nick on the new Ball Diamond Boosters Memorandum of Understanding. Matt calculated the cost of maintaining the fields and bathrooms for the 9 weeks of baseball, which gave a base amount to work with when negotiating the agreement. The Park Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding. Jon made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding. Corry seconded the motion, motion passed all approved.
- 6. Elmwood:

- i. Bill reported that the Historic Elmwood received donations from Leroy Mathern's Knights of Columbus account and Ina Raumin.

C. Business Manager:

- i. Matt reported that early giving has started for Giving Hearts Day (GHD). Currently there have been 27 donations totaling \$2,540. With the Park Board match that total comes to \$5,080, which is about 25% of the total goal of \$20,000. Matt extended a thank you to Todd Morgan and the Gary Babinski family for their generous memorial donation.

X. Old Business:

XI. New Business:

XII. Public Comments:

XIII. Adjournment: Darrin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.