Grafton Parks & Recreation Foundation

Wednesday, January 15th, 2025
Grafton Parks & Recreation Board Room
715 West 5th Street
Grafton, ND 58237
5:15 p.m.

Minutes:

I. Call to Order by Bill Dahl at 5:15 PM

II. Board Members Present:
   A. Board Members Present: Bill Dahl, Mike Shereck, Jarrod Steele, Seri Gerszewski
   B. Board Members Absent: Amy Geiger, Mark Burns
   C. Public Present: Matt Oppegard

III. Bill asked for the election of directors. Mike made a motion to nominate the same board of directors as last year. Jarrod seconded the motion, motion passed all approved.

IV. Bill asked for the election of officers. Mike made a motion to nominate the same officers as last year. Jarrod seconded the motion, motion passed all approved.

V. The board minutes from 08/26/2024 were presented to the board. Jarrod made a motion to approve the minutes. Seri seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. Matt presented the financial reports to the board for their review.

VI. Fundraisers:
   A. Matt explained that the Gymnastics fundraiser for this year will be Candlelight Hike scheduled for February 12th at 6pm.
   B. Figure Skating fundraiser for this year will be the Learn-to-Skate competition to be held on January 26th from 8am-5pm.
   C. This year the Foundation will be part of 2025 Giving Hearts Day. All proceeds will go to the pool project. Giving Hearts Day is February 13th, but early giving has already started.

VII. Old Business:
   A. Bill updated the board on the pool project. The Quasi-Feasibility Report was presented to the board which was the result of Kristi Wilfahrt's Phase I.
   B. Bill presented the contract for Kristi Wilfahrt's Phase II for capacity building/work plan proposal, which will include securing funding and partner agreements. Bill explained that Kristi is already working at the state level looking for a way to get state support for the project. She has found that the legislatures that she has talked to have been very supportive of the project. Bill explained that it might take 2 legislative sessions to get the state support needed for the project. Bill asked for a motion to approve Kristi Wilfahrt's Phase II contract. Mike made a motion to approve the 2025 Capacity Building/Work Plan Proposal contract from Kristi Wilifahrt. Seri seconded the motion, motion pass all approved.
   C. Bill explained that the IBIS Business Plan once done will be a comprehensive report for an indoor aquatics and fitness center. The plan will give us the information needed to see if a facility of that scope is viable and at what size. It will also give us a plan to present to prospective partners and the state legislatures when trying to get support at the state level. Seri asked if the pool was originally built with state

grants. Bill was not sure since the pool was built by a group of local contractors in 1954 and donated the pool to the Park Board in 1959. Bill explained that the study is estimated to take 90 days from the date of the initial zoom meeting. We expect the process to be completed in April. The next step once this is completed will be the design concept.

VIII. New Business:

IX. Adjournment: Jarrod made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.