



Wednesday, February 11th, 2026
Grafton Park 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 Oppegard
 - C. Media Present: Todd Morgan
 - D. Public Present: Kristi Wilfahrt
- III. Kristi asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. No changes were made to the agenda.
- IV. Kristi asked for approval of the minutes from the January Park Board Meeting held on 01/14/2026. Jon made a motion to approve the minutes from the January Park Board Meeting. Seconded by Darrin, the motion passed all approved.
- V. Kristi asked for a motion for the authorization of expenditures as listed. Cory made a motion to approve the expenditures as listed. Seconded by Scott, the motion passed all approved to pay bills.
- VI. Matt will present the January bank statement report at a later date.
- VII. Reports:
 - A. Recreation Manager
 - i. Matt reported that the Giving Hearts Day FBLA Beach Party went well. \$80,902 has been raised as of 02/11/2026. Matt explained that most of that was from the FBLA marketing with help from Maggie Suda. Giving Hearts Day is Thursday, February 12th.
 - ii. The Grafton Learn-to-Skate Competition went well. Raised \$11,473.80 after expenses which is about \$500 less than last year. Bill explained that part of the increase in expenses could be the judges that were paid this year to try to entice them to judge our competition again next year. Last year they got a \$20 gift card.
 - iii. The Skating Show will be March 21st & 22nd this year with the ice plant being turned off on Sunday, March 22nd. Ice needs to be removed and arena floor cleaned for the North Stars Youth Hockey Mega Raffle on Saturday, March 28th.
 - B. Director
 1. Parks
 - i. Bill reported that the water fountain in the Schumacher Park warming house has been installed and is running.
 2. Campground:
 - i. Bill reported that the electric inspection has been completed allowing for insulation to be installed.

- ii. Bill presented the plans for Cabin 10 to the board. Cabin 10 would be the largest cabin at 32' long and 14.5' wide. He explained that 5 additional sites were added to the south side of Cabin 5 with the plans to add cabins when the budget allowed. Four cabins have been added each year over the past 4 years. This would be the last cabin in that row. The estimated cost of Cabin 10 is \$45,000. Scott made a motion to approve the funding for Cabin 10. Darrin seconded the motion, motion passed all approved.
- iii. Bill presented the North Dakota Destination Development Grant that would add 10 Luxury sites to the west of the cabins.

3. Pool:

- i. Kristi Wilfahrt presented categories construction & planning and plans to pay for the project. Kristi W. explained that there needs to be a naming partner with a funding goal of \$100,000 per year for 20 years. Kristi W. also explained that we will be exploring low or no interest options. She will also explore grants that would help fund more of the project that would lower the amount needed to be borrowed, which would lower interest costs. Kristi W. explained that Bill and her met with Andy Petersen who explained that they get a few banks together to come up with a interest purchasing program to the endowment. The Grafton Parks & Recreation Foundation meets next week to discuss starting an endowment. Kristi W. explained that leadership is most important at this stage. Kristi W. and Bill will work on a business plan to present to the Economic Development Committee at their April meeting.

4. Arenas:

- i. Russ Geddes completed the Centennial Center sound system repairs.
- ii. Bill reported that the Co-Ray-Vac heating system is shut-off due to holes in the pipes which explains why it would not fully work. Bill is getting quotes for replacement from Lunseth Plumbing & Heating, Custom Air, and Wayne's Heating. Bill talked to Chad Ruzicka with the Fireman and Dave Hills with the Grafton Blue Line Club about options for pumping in heat for their events late March and early April.

5. Athletic Fields: (nothing to report)

6. Elmwood: (nothing to report)

C. Business Manager:

- i. Matt presented the 2025 Year End Report. Revenues totaled \$1,333,506.79 and expenses totaled \$1,289,529.27 for a total net income of \$43,977.52. Jon made a motion to allocate the excess funds to a new heating system in the Centennial Center. Darrin seconded the motion, motion passed all approved.
- ii. There are 3 Park Board seats that are expiring in June. Those running for the Park Board seats will need to pick up a petition from City Hall and have it returned by Monday, April 6th at 4pm.

X. Old Business:

XI. New Business:

XII. Public Comments:

XIII. Adjournment: Kristi asked for adjournment. Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darrin seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.