



Tuesday, December 5th, 2023
Grafton Parks & Recreation Board Room
715 West 5th Street
Grafton, ND 58237
12:00 p.m.

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order by Bill Dahl at 12:07 PM
- II. Board Members Present:
 - A. Board Members Present: Bill Dahl, Amy Geiger, Mike Shereck, Mark Burns
 - B. Board Members Absent: Jarrod Steele, Seri Gerszewski
 - C. Public Present: Matt Opegard
- III. Bill asked for the election of directors. Mike made a motion to nominate the same board of directors as last year. Amy seconded the motion, motion passes all approved.
- IV. Bill asked for the election of officers. Amy made a motion to nominate the same officers as last year. Mark seconded the motion, motion passed all approved.
- V. The board minutes from 12/06/2022 were presented to the board. Amy made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. Matt presented the financial reports to the board for their review.
- VI. Fundraisers:
 - i. Matt presented the Gymnastics, Figure Skating, Baseball, Pumpkin Park, Low-Income Assistance Program, and Pool funds. Matt reported what each fundraiser was used for this year and what they would help fund.
- VII. Old Business:
 - i. Bill gave an update on the Pool. Explained that Grafton Parks & Recreation hired Associated Pool Builders from Bismarck to produce a pool project concept that could be used to help plan and campaign for a new pool. Associated Pool Builders presented the same project that they did for Beulah, ND. Bill explained that a new pool as presented by Associated Pool Builders is estimated to cost around \$7 million. A new pool exactly the same as we currently have with a couple additional splash features is estimated to cost around \$5 million. The next step in the pool project is to help the community realize how important the 0.25% sales tax measure is for a pool project either new or renovate the existing pool. If the measure passes, Grafton Parks is estimated to receive around \$125,000 annually which would be enough to fund \$2 million worth of debt service. Without the sales tax increase, there is no hope for a pool project. Bill mentioned that Grafton Parks is planning on having a town hall meeting to explain the importance of building a new pool and the sales tax increase. Bill asked for support from the Foundation Board Members at the town hall meeting. The Foundation Board Members agreed to help when the time comes. Bill explained that this past spring was an eyeopener showing that the Leistikow Park Outdoor Pool only has a couple years left at best before it is no longer functional like the Walhalla, Drayton, and Park River pools.
 - ii. Bill updated the Foundation Board that the 8th Street Ball Diamond project has been completed and offered a tour for anyone that would like to see it. Next for 8th Street would be a new scoreboard. The Foundation Board discussed the need for the scoreboard and agreed to help fund the purchase of a new one along with the Ball Diamond Boosters.
- VIII. New Business:
- IX. Adjournment: Amy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion, motion passed all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm.