

## Minot Park Board Meeting

June 18, 2019

The Minot Park Board met on June 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Minot Auditorium. Members present: Cliff Hovda, Chuck Emery, Mike Schmitt, Perry Olson and Steve Wharton. Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers were also present.

Personal Appearances: Randy Monley representing the Minot Area Council of the Arts presented numbers for Arts in the Parks. Monley stated they had over 1600 attendees so far at the summer concert series.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to approve the May 21 board minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Olson to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,008,775.63 and the salaries in the amount of \$318,541.82. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Emery, second by Schmitt that the Board conduct an executive session under N.D.C.C. §44-04-17.1, §44-04-19.1 and §44-04-19.2 to consult with and to receive and discuss advice from its attorney regarding contract negotiating strategy and to provide negotiation instructions to its attorney and negotiators relating to the Park Districts potential purchase of Lot 1, Block 1, Edgeview Estates Eighth Addition to the City of Minot, which real estate is located at 2601 Burdick Expressway West, Minot, ND. On roll call, all members voted yes.

The executive session of this meeting began at 6:42 p.m. on June 18, 2019. The following persons were present: Cliff Hovda, Chuck Emery, Mike Schmitt, Perry Olson, Steve Wharton, Pete Hankla, Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers.

The executive session was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. on June 18, 2019. The public was invited to return to the meeting room and the Board is now reconvened in open session

Brett Gurholt presented on the Outdoor Recreation area and future golf course project. Next steps on the project include finalizing the developers agreement an recording of the final plat, work with staff to establish phasing, budgets, and community priorities, continue to explore community partnerships and outline grant funding opportunities and draft a scope of services for preliminary and final design.

Commissioner Hovda was happy to see things moving forward and believes we will be in good shape if the Souris Valley Golf Course would flood in the coming years. Commissioner Emery is happy there is a plan moving forward and believes it is extremely important that the family recreation gets moving soon. Commissioner Olson believes the sooner we can show work being done on the project the more the people will see the benefit of this project.

Department Head Reports

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson had nothing to add to his written report. Souris Valley Golf Pro, Steve Kottsick reported Wee Links is looking great and he will be holding a ribbon cutting on July 6 for the opening of the new holes on Souris Valley. Souris Valley Golf Course Superintendent, Mike Chrest reported that aerification went very well. Roosevelt Park Zoo Director, Becky Dewitz reported they are preparing hard for the AZA inspection and they hosted 4300 on Midco Day at the Zoo. Maysa Arena Manager, Bob Gillen reported that the Magic City Figure Skating Synchro team is back on the ice. Gillen also reported Cimco will be on site for work on the plant.

#### New Business

Merritt presented the deed for the DOT Easement for the Magic City Discovery Center.

Motion by Emery, second by Olson to purchase the land in the amount of \$18,242.00.

Discussion was held. Commissioner Emery wanted it noted that the Minot Park District has donated land to the DOT in recent years for a requested easement and now only two years later they are requiring funds from the Minot Park District for a similar easement.

Commissioner Olson stated he agrees with Commissioner Emery and does not believe it is right and would also like it noted.

On roll call, all members voted yes.

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson presented a quote for the construction of a locker room in the Pepsi Rink for the MSU Women's Hockey Team.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Emery to approve the construction of the locker room up to \$18,750.00. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Minot Parks Director, Ron Merritt presented the Tennis Pro contract in the amount of \$62,250.00.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to approve the Tennis Pro contract. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Emery to approve the administratively approved alcohol permits. Motion carried.

Minot Parks Director, Ron Merritt reported they are closing on the old warehouse on July 1. Merritt also reported that Wee Links looks great and he is extremely happy with the work being done. Merritt continues to work on the Overlook infrastructure as well as the developers agreement. Merritt and staff are also working on the developers agreement for the family recreation area along with the subrecipient agreement for the downtown gathering space. Merritt continues to work on the preliminary budget and will have something available for the board at the July 16 board meeting. Merritt and DesLauriers continue to work on the five year planning document.

## Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Wharton is extremely happy to see progress and that the five-year plan already seems to be moving forward. Commissioner Emery asked if it would be possible to have some picnic tables or benches added to Woodland Trail. Emery would also like to see a proclamation be made for an August 15 hunt at the Souris Valley Golf Course. Commissioner Hovda commended Becky Dewitz and her staff for all their efforts on the AZA application and inspection. Hovda commended the staff on all the work they have done throughout his year as president.

Commissioner Hovda appointed Chuck Emery as temporary chairman.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Cliff Hovda, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk