

Minot Park Board Meeting

April 16, 2019

The Minot Park Board met on April 16, 2019 in the Community Room of the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

Members Present: Cliff Hovda, Chuck Emery, Mike Schmitt, Perry Olson and Steve Wharton. Also present were Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers.

Personal Appearances:

Ryan Miner from the Minot State Womens Hockey Team presented on the need for a Minot State Womens Hockey locker room at the MAYSA. Miner reported they will commit to raising funds as a program that will go towards their new locker room.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to approve the minutes from the March 19 Minot Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Wharton to approve \$15,076.28 for the Auditorium lighting project. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Olson, second by Schmitt to approve the NDRPA Association Dues in the amount of \$2,100.00. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Emery, second by Schmitt to approve the bills in the amount of \$2,577,709.58. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to approve the salaries in the amount of \$306,580.12. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Emery, second by Schmitt to amend the 2019 Minot Park District Budget by 1.63 to include the Minot Recreation Department. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Wharton, second by Emery to approve the surplus equipment list. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson presented the bids for the water main project in Roosevelt Park.

- Dig it up backhoe Services-\$63,000.00
- Central Trenching-\$82,170.00
- Kemper Construction-\$95,900.00

Motion by Olson, second by Schmitt to approve Dig it Up Backhoe Service for the water main project in Roosevelt Park. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Department Head Reports

Director of Operations Jarrod Olson submitted his written report and commended the staff on the netting at Corbett Field. Souris Valley Golf Pro, Steve Kottsick reported they have been open for 10

days and it has been busy. Souris Valley Golf Course Superintendent, Mike Chrest reported winter was good on the golf course and they will be cutting greens this week with water being turned on shortly. Roosevelt Park Zoo Director, Becky Dewitz reported their spring hours will begin on April 27 and the party for the planet will be hosted on April 22. Maysa Arena Manager, Bob Gillen reported they are installing turf in the Eck Rink. Gillen also reported that Cimco will be here May 22 with a lot on their to do list. Horticulturist, Shannon Paul reported they had 4500 plants arrive today and there will be over 30,000 plants throughout the park system this season. City Forster, Brian Johnson reported they are extremely busy planting and trimming. Director of Marketing & Development, Elly DesLauriers reported that the summer brochure is printed and being distributed throughout the Minot Public Schools and area private schools. They continue to work on the new website as well and summer event planning. Director of Recreation, Scott Collins reported they are still transitioning to the Minot Park District and he is beginning to research Risk Management Plans. Adult Recreation Manager, Tom Landsiedel reported the fields are busy as they gear up for the spring and summer season. Youth Recreation Manager, Ann Neishem reported on the summer brochure and the upcoming youth summer registrations day at the Roosevelt Park Zoo's Party for the Planet on April 22. Tennis Pro, Marc White gave an update on programs.

Old Business

Motion by Emery, second by Olson to approve Souris Valley Golf Pro, Steve Kottsick's contract. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Old Business

Executive Director, Ron Merritt gave an update on the land next to the MAYSA Arena. He hopes to have a full report at the May Board Meeting. Merritt also reported they are working with the City of Minot on a subrecipient agreement on the Downtown Gathering Space. Merritt reported they have a verbal agreement for the irrigation easement on the future outdoor recreation area. Merritt reported staff will continue to move forward with planning and hopes to have DesLauriers apply for outdoor heritage funding in the fall of 2019.

Other Business

Commissioner Hovda called a five year planning meeting for May 7 at 3:30pm in the Community Room of the Minot Auditorium.

Directors Report

Executive Director, Ron Merritt reported on the 2019 summer brochure. Merritt updated the board on recent service club presentations by the Minot Park District. Director Merritt also gave a legislative update and updated the board on Overlook Park and the Magic City Discovery Center. Merritt also thanked the staff for their hard work and cooperation during the transition of the Minot Recreation Department.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Olson would like to see some research done on the cost of a video scoreboard for the MAYSA Arena. He believes it would only enhance an already great facility.

Commissioner Schmitt thanked the MAYSA Staff for their great work at the Guns and Hoses charity event.

Commissioner Emery thanked the staff for their support over the past month.

Commissioner Wharton thanked the staff for their hard work.

Motion by Wharton, second by Emery to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Cliff Hovda, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk