

Minot Park Board Meeting

May 21, 2019

The Minot Park Board met on May 21, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Community Room of the Minot Auditorium. Members present were: Cliff Hovda, Chuck Emery, Mike Schmitt, Perry Olson and Steve Wharton.

Personal Appearances: Shannon Straight from Friends of the Souris submitted a grant application to the BUSH Foundation with the assistance of Director of Development and Marketing, Elly DesLauriers. Straight also present a proposed plan for a fishing pier, kayak launch area next to the VFW. Straight would like to see the project move forward and a continued partnership between the Minot Park District and Friends of the Souris.

Charlie Lee presented on behalf of a group of local skate boarders. They would like to see some improvements made to the current skate park as well as assist in the planning of the new proposed skate park at Jefferson park.

Motion by Emery, second by Schmitt to approve the minutes from the April 16 Minot Park Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson, second by Wharton to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,379,851.70. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Emery to approve the salaries in the amount of \$267,997.20. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Department Head Reports:

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson presented a list of surplus items.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to approve the presented list of surplus items. Motion carried.

Olson presented the bids for the Roosevelt Park Playground.

- Dakota Playground-\$63,847.00
- Grondahl Recreation-\$72,488.00
- My Turn Play Systems-\$90,530.00
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Olson recommended Grondahl Recreation as they meet all specifications and have a larger spinner component and a train theme.

Motion by Olson, second by Emery to approve Grondahl Recreation in the amount of \$72,488.00. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Souris Valley Golf Pro, Steve Kottsick reported he is extremely happy with the way the golf course is looking. They have been busy when the weather is good and getting ready for kids programming in June. Souris Valley Golf Superintendent, Mike Chrest reported he is happy with the way number two and number three greens are shaping up. They hope to have the grand opening on July 3. Roosevelt Park Zoo Director, Becky DeWitz reported that A-Z is on site, and lion rock work looks great.

Maintenance Superintendent, Brian Mathson reported the splash pad and pool are keeping them

extremely busy as well as projects at the Roosevelt Park Zoo. Horticulturist, Shannon Paul reported complexes were busy and they will start planting in two to three weeks depending on the weather. Director of Marketing and Development, Elly DesLauriers reported they continue to work on website development, Fourth of July Festival Planning and have been busy gearing up for summer events. Director of Recreation, Scott Collins reported they are working hard with the Rec Trac training. Recreation Manager, Tom Landsiedel reported the facilities are open and extremely busy. Recreation Manager, Ann Neshiem reported she is busy collecting summer programming registrations and coordinating schedules.

New Business:

Executive Director, Ron Merritt presented the Five Year Planning list as compiled by the Minot Park Board. The board discussed next steps in the planning process. President Hovda called a Special Meeting on June 4 at 3:30pm to discuss the land next to the MAYSA Arena for future development.

Commissioner Emery would like the land along 16th Street to be added to the list for future development of trails.

Commissioner Schmitt reported he would like to see a conversation started between the aquatics user groups. President Hovda appointed Commissioner Schmitt to lead an Exploratory Committee on the need for an aquatics facility.

Motion by Wharton, second by Emery to adopt the presented Five Year Plan with the board recommended additions. Motion carried.

Merritt presented the MOU on Temporary Sheltering at the MAYSA Arena and Minot Auditorium.

Motion by Emery, second by Olson to approve the MOU on temporary sheltering at MAYSA Arena and the Minot Auditorium. Motion carried.

Merritt presented the request from MACA for \$10,000.00 for Arts in the Parks. Merritt would like to meet with MACA upon approval of the request.

Motion by Olson, second by Emery to approve \$10,000.00 to MACA, contingent on Director Merritt meeting with MACA staff. On roll call, all membered voted yes.

Motion by Wharton, second by Schmitt to approve the alcohol permits. Motion carried.

Executive Directors Report:

Director Merritt presented the proposed rendering for Overlook Park. Merritt reported on the progress at the Roosevelt Park Zoo and the installation of Turf at the MAYSA Arena. Merritt reviewed upcoming summer programming and events.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Wharton reported he was happy with the five year planning list and is excited to move forward. Commissioner Emery would like to see the board move forward with the planning of trails for the Outdoor Recreation Area and have something ready to apply for the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Merritt reported he would invite Brett Gurholt from KLJ to the June 18 Minot Park Board Meeting to review the plans. Emery also reported he would like to the staff to keep ahead of educating the public as

we move forward with transition of mills with the combination for Parks and Recreation. We need the public to be aware that we are not raising mills, but it is a transfer of mills from the City to the Minot Park District. Commissioner Olson questioned if we would be organizing a hunt at the Souris Valley Golf Course. Director Merritt reported we would be looking into the organized hunt in the next few months.

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

Cliff Hovda, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk