

Minot Park Board

Special Meeting

February 5, 2019

4:00pm

The Minot Park Board met on February 5, 2019 at 4:00pm in the Community Room at 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.

Commissioner Hovda presented his list of priorities for the next five years.

- Continue to move forward with plans for the SuperFund Site next to the MAYSA Arena.
- Move forward on plans for the outdoor recreation area and golf course.
- Replace the sand floor with concrete on the West Rink of the MAYSA Arena.
- Replace the vault restrooms at the Souris Valley Golf Course.
- Continue discussions with Minot Public Schools on the Old Ramstad and Lincoln sites.

Commissioner Olson presented his list of priorities for the next five years.

- Continue to work with the City of Minot on the Downtown Gather Space.
- Flood control planning and the future of Roosevelt Park and the Roosevelt Park Zoo.
- Research seating options for Corbett field including surround and accessible seating.
- Research indoor aquatics and recreation facilities.
- Move forward with a four season shelter within our park system.

Commissioner Schmitt presented his list of priorities for the next five years.

- Move forward with the completion of the Superfund Site.
- Continue to work and complete the outdoor family recreation area.
- Move forward to complete the trails system that would connect a trail from East to West throughout Minot.
- Research aquatics and recreation facilities. This needs to be a joint venture project.
- Continue to move forward with the zoo renovations and expansion needs as the flood control project moves forward.

Commissioner Emery presented his list of priorities for the next five years.

- Continue to move forward with the Superfund Site and utilize the pond into the plan.
- Continue to work and complete the outdoor family recreation area and golf course.
- Research a trail from Minot to Surrey.
- Continue to move forward with the land next to the MAYSA Area. Research indoor aquatics and recreation facilities.
- Future planning with Minot Public Schools on the old Ramstad, Washington and Lincoln school sites.
- Replace the vault restrooms on the Souris Valley Golf Course.
- Replace the sand floor in the West rink at the Maysa Arena along with new boards and glass.

- Incorporate an indoor golf simulator into our park system.
- Shop improvements at the Souris Valley Golf Course.
- Research a new softball complex with Tball fields included.
- Move forward with new Roosevelt Park Zoo exhibits and continue to work with the City of Minot on the flood control plan.

Commissioner Wharton presented his list of priorities for the next five years.

- Move forward on the plans for the outdoor recreation area and golf course.
- Continue to move forward with the plans for the SuperFund Site next to the Maysa Arena.
- Continue to move forward with the land next to the MAYSA Area. Research indoor and outdoor recreation facilities.
- Research a new softball complex.
- Evaluate improvements for our current maintenance shop and facilities.
- Continue to move forward on our park masterplan.
- Continue to plan for an updated primate exhibit at the Roosevelt Park Zoo.

Roosevelt Park Zoo Director, Becky Dewitz presented some of her top priorities including the primate and giraffe exhibits. She has been working with the City of Minot and continues to plan around the proposed flood control maps.

Minot Recreation Commission Director, Scott Collins presented his priority list including a softball complex with a minimum of four lighted diamonds to help attract more tournaments to Minot. He also presented a rock-climbing wall and the need for more AEDs throughout the recreation system.

MAYSA Arena Manager, Bob Gillen presented his list of priorities. His list includes a new chiller, replacement of the sand floor in the West Rink along with new boards and glass, and researching the land next to the MAYSA for future expansion.

City Forester, Brian Johnson presented his list of priorities. His list includes a maintenance shop expansion and a community fruit orchard.

Souris Valley Golf Course Superintendent, Mike Chrest presented his list of priorities. His list includes new restrooms on the course, maintenance shop improvements and new pump house motors.

Maintenance Superintendent, Brian Mathson presented his list of priorities. His list includes updates to the outdoor skating rinks, improvements to the Roosevelt Park Pool, new waterslide at Roosevelt Park Pool, improvements to the maintenance shop, and additional bathrooms at Oak Park near the amphitheater.

Horticulturist, Shannon Paul presented her list of priorities. Her list includes additional restrooms and a year round shelter at Oak Park, and outdoor sports complex with multiple sports fields, and outdoor fitness equipment.

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson presented his list of priorities. His list includes moving forward with Jefferson and Polaris park upgrades, West and Eck rink improvements, replacing the restrooms at Souris Valley Golf Course, an outdoor sports complex, and completing the Superfund site.

Minot Park Director, Ron Merritt presented additional items to be included in our five year planning. His list included indoor recreation, researching aquatics facilities, trail masterplan, completing the superfund site, and reviewing our Park Land Dedication ordinance.

Commissioner Olson presented a list of additional priorities. That includes a poured rubber all accessible playground within our park system, a new concession stand at Corbett field, continue to move forward with improvements at Polaris Park. Polaris park improvements include hockey rink upgrades large enough to host a tournament and warming house upgrades. His list also includes a tennis court backboard hitting wall at one of our tennis facilities.

Commissioner Schmitt presented a list of additional priorities. That includes continuing to update our parks and facilities. This includes making sure our staff has the equipment and space to perform the task at hand. Schmitt would also like to see a new dog agility course that would include a wooded area for dogs to enjoy. Schmitt would like to see the river more utilized as a recreational opportunity throughout our park system.

Commissioner Emery presented a list of additional priorities. That list includes completion of Jefferson park along with a dog park. Emery would also like upgrades to the plant at the MAYSA Arena that serves both the Eck and the West rink. He would like the addition of a new putting green. Emery also stated he believes AEDs need to be purchased asap and not be included on the five year planning list.

Commissioner Wharton presented a list of additional priorities. That list includes continuing to move forward with the overlook park project, the addition of a golf simulator within our park system, and electronic signage. His list also includes replacement of the West Rink Floor at the MAYSA Arena, and ice floor covers for events and outdoor recreation area. He also would like to see the park district moving forward on Polaris and Jefferson park.

Executive Director, Ron Merritt will work with Director of Marketing & Development, Elly DesLauriers to compile a priority list for public review. A public meeting date will be scheduled at our board meeting on February 19.

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

Cliff Hovda, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk