

Minot Park Board Minutes

August 15, 2017

The Minot Park Board met on August 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room in the Municipal Auditorium.

Members Present: Cliff Hovda, Nancy Beck , John Drady, Chuck Emery, and Steve Wharton. Also present were Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to approve the Minutes from July 18 Minot Park Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Hovda, second by Drady to approve the bills in the amount of \$179,356.52 On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Emery, second by Hovda to approve the salaries in the amount of \$324,867.30. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Department Head Reports:

Olson reported the cleaning of the West rink went well but will need a coat of paint in the future. Chrest reported the rain at the Souris Valley Golf Course has helped immensely. Dewitz thanked the rest of the departments for all their help at the Roosevelt Park Zoo this summer. Gillen reported the credit card machines have arrived at the MAYSA Arena and they will start using the new system on September 1. He also reports the drain project is complete in the Zamboni room and caging will go in after Labor Day. Mathson report the Okapi enclosure is almost complete at the Roosevelt Park Zoo. Johnson reported they are looking to fill the open positions within the forestry department.

New Business:

Merritt presented the revised 2018 preliminary budget with the adjustments made by the board at the July 18 board meeting. Merritt adjusted the building level mills from 0 mills to 2.2 mills. Commissioner Emery suggested a portion of the dollars going towards maintenance funds for the Souris Valley Golf Course, MAYSA Arena, Roosevelt Park waterslide. Merritt stated the remaining funds would go towards future development.

The public hearing for the 2018 Budget will be held on September 19 at 6:30pm in the Community Room at the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

Motion by Hovda, second by Drady to accept the Preliminary Budget as presented with additional changes to the building levy. On roll call, motion passes.

Discussion was held on the Corbett Lease Agreement with the Expedition League.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to accept the Corbett Lease agreement with scoreboard advertising outlined in the agreement. Motion carried.

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

Executive Director Report:

Merritt reported on projects happening throughout the park system including the fencing at the soccer complex, turf projects at Corbett Field and the South Hill Complex, and additions to Riverside Park. He also reported that Burdick Expressway is on schedule. Merritt reported the park district will be meeting with the City of Minot on the city wide Trail System. Merritt reported on upcoming events including Touch a Truck at the Maysa Arena on August 16, Soggy Doggy Day on September 4, Magic Day of Giving September 15, and Business After Hours at the Maysa Arena September 21. Merritt reported they are working with Anderson, Wade and Whitty on an estimate for the expansion of the Oak Park Amphitheater and Game and Fish will be at the next Park Board meeting on September 19.

Commissioner Reports:

Wharton congratulated Commissioner Emery on being elected to US Rinks Board.

Emery questioned the status of the train that runs through Roosevelt Park. Merritt explained that it is currently staffed by volunteers through the Minot Railroad Museum. Emery asked for the minutes and officers to be updated on the website. Emery also asked for an update on the punch list items at the Maysa Arena.

Hovda complimented the Minot Park District staff and highlighted the expertise in ice arenas from the staff and board combined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk

Nancy Beck, President