

Minot Park Board Minutes

February 20, 2018

The Minot Park Board met on February 20, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room in the Municipal Auditorium.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kevin Harmon from the Minot Noon Rotary Club presented a partnership opportunity for the proposed Overlook Park. The Rotary Clubs of Minot would like to partner with the project through financial support, collaborative planning, and volunteering on projects. Commissioner Hovda thanked the Rotary Clubs for presenting and stated the Park District is excited to move forward with them on this endeavor.

Randi Monley from the Minot Public Library presented the results from the Build Minot Campaign organized by the library staff. Commissioner Hovda thanked Randi for her presentation and valuable information.

Motion by Wharton, second by Beck to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2018 board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Wharton, second by Beck to approve the bills in the amount of \$496,381.84. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Beck, second by Wharton to approve the salaries in the amount of \$143,143.00. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Department Head Reports:

Olson presented a pass through bill for the South Hill Complex and Corbett Field Turf renovations in the amount of \$1,641.21.

Motion by Wharton, second by Beck to approve the \$1,641.21 pass through bill for turf renovations to the City of Minot Community Facility Funds. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Olson presented bids on mowers for the Souris Valley Golf Course and the horticulture department.

Olson recommended the MTI bundle package for all pieces of equipment. The total cost for 10 pieces of equipment with a five year lease and warranty would be \$22,427.00.

Motion by Beck, second Wharton to award the bid to MTI in the amount of \$22,427.00. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Commissioner Wharton asked if we were continuing to look at the possibility of an additional green house. Olson replied that we are currently getting estimates from multiple different companies.

Dewitz reported that two camels arrived at the zoo last week. She also reported they are continuing to work on bid documents and hope to have bids ready to approve by the April Board Meeting. Gillen reported that caging on the lower level is near completion and the sound baffles are 80% installed. The Maysa continues to be extremely busy with Movie Skates, West Region Hockey, and State PeeWee B tournament still to come. Matson reported they continue to maintain skating rinks and snow removal when needed. Paul reported her first shipment of plants will be in the green house in the next few weeks. Johnson reported they continue to work on tree removals and pruning requests.

New Business

Ron Merritt presented a letter requesting \$10,000 for the MACA Art in the Park Summer Concert Series at the Oak Park Amphitheater.

Motion by Wharton, second by Beck to approved \$10,000 for the MACA Art in the Park Summer Concert Series. On roll call, all members voted yes.

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

Directors Report

Executive Director Merritt presented his report for February. His report included Winterfest 2018 held at the Souris Valley Golf Course and Movie Skates held at the Maysa Arena. Merritt also reported they are meeting with partner groups for a potential bike share program within the park system. Other items administrative staff are continuing to work on include the plans for Roosevelt Park Waterslide, trail plans, Woodland Trail Phase two, Overlook park and the paving masterplan.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Wharton reported he attended Alison Suda's presentation on her recent trip to Uganda. He was very impressed with her presentation and believes she is a very valuable resource for the Roosevelt Park Zoo.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk

Cliff Hovda, Vice President