

Minot Park Board Minutes

July 18, 2017

The Minot Park Board met on July 18 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room in the Municipal Auditorium.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Personal Appearances: Representatives from the Minot City Band presented a plan to extend the Oak Park Amphitheater by 13ft. Discussion was held. Merritt stated we would work with them on getting an estimate for the proposed expansion.

Josh Wolsky from the Friends of the Souris presented an update on the Bush Foundation application. Wolsky also presented as a City of Minot Alderman on a significant flood meeting that would be held on Friday, July 21 at noon.

Brian Bauman from the Minot Hockey Boosters spoke on the importance of keeping the fourth sheet of ice at the All Seasons Arena. Bauman presented the increase in numbers to their program and noted a forty percent increase in membership.

Motion by Drady, second by Wharton to approve the minutes from June 20 Minot Park Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Drady, second by Wharton to approve the minutes from the reorganization meeting from June 20. Motion carried.

Motion by Emery, second by Hovda to approve the bills in the amount of \$375,162.17. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Hovda, second by Drady to approve the salaries in the amount of \$312,135.26. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Department Head Reports:

Commissioners reviewed department head reports.

New Business:

Merritt presented the 2018 preliminary budget. Discussion was held. Emery questioned the line item for the All Seasons Arena Ice. Drady stated that the Hockey Boosters provided a 2.6 million dollar donation to the MAYSA expansion and believes it is a good partnership. Hovda stated he believes we are still getting value out of the ice at the All Seasons Arena. Discussion was held. Emery requested a meeting to be held with the All Seasons Arena staff to discuss options on pricing if the ice was removed for the Ag Show and not put back in.

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

Executive Director Report:

Merritt reported on the Fourth of July Festival. He also reported on the turf project at Corbett field as well as the ribbon cutting at the Rudy Zupetz Learning Center. Merritt gave an update on various projects throughout the park district. Merritt also reported he has requested North Dakota Game and Fish to appear at one of our upcoming Park Board Meetings regarding geese on our properties.
Discussion was held.

Motion by Drady, second by Emery to allow dogs on a leash before 9am and after 9pm in Oak Park while the park is open. Motion Carried.

Merritt also updated the board on security regarding Whartons concerns for Minot Park Board Meetings.

Merritt presented an easement request from the City of Minot for a pipeline project near the Bison Trail.

Motion by Drady, second by Emery to donate S ½ SW 1/4 , less outlot 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and Sunshine addition, section 3, T154N, R92W. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Wharton reported that he has gotten calls from citizens regarding our staff not wearing proper safety apparel and smoking in vehicles. Paul stated that it would be addressed.

Beck requested that Minot Park staff do some research on food truck fees. DesLauriers said they would call around the state to other organizations and see what their policies are.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk

Nancy Beck, President