

**Minot Park Board Minutes**  
**May 17, 2016**

The Minot Park Board met on May 17, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room in the Municipal Auditorium.

Members Present: Nancy Beck, Chuck Emery, Cliff Hovda, Connie Feist, and John Drady. Also present were Ron Merritt and Cindy Thomas.

Personal Appearances: Charlie Lee appeared before the Board to request permission to hold a Skate Jam at the Skate Board Park in Roosevelt Park. He would like to hold the event on June 18, 2016 from 1PM-8PM. There would be a \$5.00 entry fee with all funds returned to the skaters. He would also like to have live music, approximately once per hour. He is attempting to organize the group of skaters to help with improvements to the skate park. After discussion, motion by Hovda, second by Emery to allow Lee to hold Skate Jam 2016 on June 18, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Beck, second by Feist to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Emery, second by Beck to approve bills in the amount of \$480,382.52. Drady questioned the bill to NDDES. Thomas explained this bill was to reimburse FEMA for funds that were deobligated for debris removal. Feist explained that she had the same question, and due to the foresight of Thomas and staff, that money had been set aside from the FEMA funds received. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Hovda, second by Feist to approve salaries in the amount of \$195,095.63. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Golf Committee Report: Hovda reported the income to date is very close to approaching last year's income. Drady stated he had been at the golf course and felt something should be done with the back deck, as he is afraid another season will definitely be hard on the wood. Brian Mathson, maintenance superintendent, stated he felt it could be pressure washed and stained to help preserve the wood.

Zoo Committee Report: Beck briefly went over the Zoo Committee minutes.

Parks Committee Report: Drady reported the MAYSA group had come forward with another donation towards the Arena. They have also agreed to donate an additional \$7,000.00 towards hallway flooring to match the locker room flooring. Feist then presented the Soccer Club's requests and ideas. She told the group we would look at items for the 2017 budget along with help writing grants for the complex.

Emery then reported he had been on the interview committee for the Maysa Arena Manager position. He reported they had received four very good applications, and after careful consideration, had chosen Bob Gillen for the position. He is currently the Director of the Crosby Park District. He will join the Minot Park District on June 15, 2016. He comes with 19 years of ice experience.

Beck asked if the Park Board couldn't work with the City and the School District to build additional soccer fields or softball fields at the old Ramstad and/or Lincoln site.

Administration Committee Report: Discussion was held on the Festival of the Park's celebration to be held in Roosevelt Park. Feist questioned if the Zoo and Pool were free that day. Elly DesLauriers, Director of Marketing and Development, stated the pool would be free, with the Zoo being half price, with the purchase of a button.

Motion by Emery, second by Beck to pass Ordinance #243 on second reading. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Other Business: Discussion was then held on a Girls Fastpitch Diamond to be located at the South Hill Complex on Park District land. Merritt explained they would like to pursue funding through the Community Facilities Fund. This would be a joint effort with the Recreation Department. After discussion, motion by Feist, second by Hovda to authorize Merritt to pursue funding for a girl's fastpitch diamond. Emery questioned if the committee would ask user groups what they are willing to commit to the project. Merritt stated this would be part of the application. On roll call, all members voted yes.

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

Director's Report: Merritt briefly went over the projects the District is currently working on, along with future projects.

Feist questioned when the ribbon cutting for Radio City Park would be held. DesLauriers stated it is tentatively slated for June 7. Feist also questioned when Board training would take place. Merritt stated he is looking at the second week of June.

Commissioner's Reports: Feist stated the Bison Plant is looking good with a nice wide path. She questioned the moving of the gate. Mathson stated his crews would be working on that this week.

Emery stated that when the Board had visited Williston, they had stated they charge the school system a flat rate for the use of their facilities. He would like the Minot Park District to take a look at a similar deal with Minot Public Schools. Drady asked Merritt to look into this possibility. Emery would also like to see the budget sooner than they have in the past, i.e. July. Drady asked Thomas if that was possible. She stated it was.

Beck asked if we would be holding meetings in the future park areas. Merritt stated that could be a possibility. Beck also stated she would rather see pickleball courts put into parks as opposed to tennis courts.

Drady reported he had been over to the Wee Links and stated it was sad to see it disrupted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Thomas, clerk

John Drady, President

**Minot Park Foundation Minutes  
May 17, 2016**

The Minot Park Foundation met after the regularly scheduled Park Board meeting in the Community Room of the Municipal Auditorium on May 17, 2016.

Members Present: Chuck Emery, Nancy Beck, Cliff Hovda, Connie Feist, and John Drady. Also present were Ron Merritt and Cindy Thomas.

Personal Appearances: None.

Motion by Emery, second by Beck to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2016 meeting.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Emery, second by Beck to approve the following bills:

EAPC	\$ 7,992.00	Maysa 3rd Rink
Wilbur-Ellis	1,861.11	Horticulture
Tollefson's	5,000.00	Birdies and Bogey's
Niess Impressions	16.00	Zoo Signs
Rolac Contracting	998,388.35	Maysa 3rd Rink

On roll call, all members voted yes.

Thomas reported those funds that were not committed in the short term would be invested in short term CD's that carried better rates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Thomas, clerk

John Drady, President