

Minot Park Board Meeting

October 16, 2018

The Minot Park Board met on October 16, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Community Room at the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

Member present: Cliff Hovda, Chuck Emery, Mike Schmitt, Perry Olson and Steve Wharton. Also present were Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers.

Personal Appearances

Jessica Ackerman presented an overview of her Gather 1.0h event held on September 6 in downtown Minot.

Shannon Straight presented the board that Friends of the Souris would be doing a trail clean up at Woodland Trail Phase Two on Thursday, October 18 from 4pm-6pm.

Motion by Emery, second by Olson to approve the Minot Park Board meeting minutes from September 18, October 2, and October 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Emery, second by Schmitt to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,287,213.29. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Financials

Department Head Reports

Steve Kottsick, Souris Valley Golf Course Pro presented a plan for Youth on Course. This project would allow youth to play at participating golf courses for \$5 throughout the United States with their purchase of a Youth on Course membership.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Emery to approve the Souris Valley Golf Course as a participating golf course for Youth on Course. Motion carried.

Mike Chrest, Souris Valley Golf Course Superintendent reported that Souris Valley Golf Course would close on November 4. Bob Gillen, Maysa Arena Manager presented on the United States Paralympic Sled Hockey Team's visit to the MAYSA Arena. He presented Executive Director, Ron Merritt and Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson a team autographed photo. City Forester, Brian Johnson reported they are starting to work on Christmas lights.

New Business

Cayln Beckman, Minot Park Accountant presented on North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System.

A motion was made by Emery for the Minot Park District to affirm to the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System that the Minot Park District formed pursuant to the N.D.C.C. & 40-49 and is neither a non-profit corporation nor a for-profit corporation, to join the NDPERS Defined Benefit Retirement Plan and offer the plan to all eligible employees of the Minot Park District. The motion was seconded by Olson. On roll call, all members voted yes. The board approved joining the NDPERS Defined Benefit Retirement Plan effective January 1, 2019.

Discussion was held on the old pension plan contribution of current City of Minot Recreation employees.

Motion Emery, second by Olson to grandfather the City of Minot Recreation employees in under their current contribution to the pension plan. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Executive Director Ron Merritt presented a salary scale.

Motion by Olson, second by Schmitt to approve the presented salary scale. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Executive Director Ron Merritt presented a vision plan for the Minot Park District.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Wharton to move forward with the BCBS-Elite vision plan effective January 1, 2019. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Merritt reported they are continuing to work on a lease agreement for the Minot Municipal Auditorium and other Minot Recreation Commission facilities.

Merritt reported they would be holding flock reduction hunt at the Souris Valley Golf Course on Wednesday, October 17 from sunrise to noon. A proclamation has been sent out on behalf of the Minot Park Board.

Merritt reported they are continuing to compile information on board development.

Other Business

Commissioner Mike Schmitt reported he would like to do some research on the available land next to the MAYSA Arena. He is interested in what the land could be used for and the costs associated with the land.

President Hovda appointed Commissioner Schmitt to research the land and report back to the board his findings.

Commissioner Schmitt reported he wants to see the City of Minot and EPA to move forward with the renovations at the old Superfund Site at the MAYSA Arena. The plan includes an 18 hole disc golf course, mountain bike trails and cross country running trails. He would like to get started on the project in the Spring of 2019. Schmitt reported the project has been on the to do list with the Minot Park Board for over six years and needs to move forward. Merritt will have the staff reach out to the City of Minot and report back at the November board meeting.

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

Executive Directors Report

Merritt reported on the Hay Days event held at Oak Park on September 22 and 23. Merritt also reported on the lion and tiger exhibits at the Roosevelt Park Zoo. He reported on upcoming events at the MAYSA Arena including the Skate and Scare on October 27.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Olson thanked the staff for their continued work and accomplishments. Commissioner Schmitt thanked the staff for their hard work and after a few months on the board he is impressed by all the inner workings of the Minot Park District. Commissioner Emery reported he would like to take a look at the Minot Park District employees contribution on the old pension plan as we move forward into 2020 budget. Commissioner Wharton thanked the staff and is happy to see the Park District moving forward in a positive manner.

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

Cliff Hovda, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk