

Minot Park District Board Meeting

April 19, 2022

The Minot Park Board met on April 19 at 6:30pm in room 203 of the Minot Municipal Auditorium. Members present: Mike Schmitt, Ken Kitzman, Perry Olson, Chuck Emery and Cliff Hovda.

Motion by Kitzman, second by Olson to approve the minutes from the March 15 Minot Park Board meeting. Motion carried

Motion by Emery, second by Kitzman to approve the bills in the amount of \$2,823,697.44. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Olson, second by Hovda to approve the bills in the amount of \$344,297.41. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson reported that staff continues to clean up after the unprecedented winter storm. Olson reported staff did a great job getting facilities open as soon as possible. They continue to work on parks and trails. Sports fields remain a big question with three feet of snow on them. The ground underneath is now thawed and no large equipment can be on the fields. The turf at the MAYSA Arena will be installed this week. Olson also reported that Rolac is working on water lines for the new restroom at Souris Golf Course. Olson also reviewed the construction schedule for the Scheels Complex at South Hill.

Motion by Olson, second by Hovda to rebid the mowers for the Souris Valley Golf Course . Motion carried.

Souris Valley Golf Pro, Steve Kottsick reported that club house staff is in training on the golf simulator to add some extended hours. Roosevelt Park Zoo Director, Jeff Bullock reported the tiger cubs are doing well. Souris Valley Golf Superintendent, Mike Chrest reported that the golf course was in good shape before the snow. The moisture will be good for the course. MAYSA Arena Manager, Bob Gillen thanked everyone who could come over to help clear snow from the MAYSA. Gillen also reported they will be installing the turf at the MAYSA Arena this week. Maintenance Superintendent, James Burns reported its been a busy week of snow removal and staff has been working hard and low on sleep. They got all the facilities opened up and are now working on walking paths. Horticulturist, Shannon Paul reported the green houses fared well through the storm and thanked James and his crew for getting in their when no one else could. Director or Marketing and Development, Elly DesLauriers reported that Minot Parks did not receive the infrastructure grant through North Dakota Parks. DesLauriers is applying for a Recreational Trails Program grant for phase two of the outdoor recreation area.

Motion by Kitzman, second by Emery to approve the grant application for phase two of the outdoor recreation area. Motion carried.

Youth Recreation Coordinator, Ann Nesheim reported summer brochures have been delivered to schools and registration is underway.

New Business

Nick Lippert from JLG presented some changes in the indoor recreation study preliminary plans that include a proposed curling rink at the MAYSA. The final report for the indoor recreation facility study will be presented at the May 17 Minot Park Board meeting.

The Magic City Discovery Center presented updated plans and exhibits with representatives from Kraus Anderson. Wendy Keller gave an update on their grant from DCIP and the State of North Dakota. Keller requested an amendment to the line of credit that is backed by the Minot Park District to cover gap funding.

Motion by Kitzman, second by Hovda to approve the amendment to the line of credit to cover gap funding. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Director of Minot Parks, Ron Merritt reported on the financing resolution for the Scheels Complex at South Hill.

Motion by Kitzman, second by Olson to approve the financing resolution that the Park District of the City of Minot authorizes the issuance of its certificate of indebtedness, series 2022 in the principal amount of \$825,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of a softball complex in the park district. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Emery, second by Olson to approve the alcohol permits. Motion carried.

Directors Report

Ron Merritt reported they continue to move forward on the leopard exhibit at the Roosevelt Park Zoo. Merritt thanked the staff for their hard work and long hours of snow removal after the recent storm. Merritt reported their will be a public input meeting at the Roosevelt Park Zoo on May 4 to review the preliminary flood control plans at Roosevelt Park and the Roosevelt Park Zoo.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Kitzman thanked the staff for their efficiency in getting the snow cleared so quickly. He also reported he is thrilled with all the updates on the Magic City Discovery Center and believes it will be a great addition to our community.

Commissioner Emery thanked the staff for all the efforts in getting the snow removed and our facilities opened quickly. Commissioner Emery thanked Brian Johnson and Scott Collins for their years of service to the Minot Park District. Emery questioned when EPIC properties were going to come and talk with the Minot Park Board on the TIF District. Merritt reported in the Century Code they are not required to get approval from the Park District.

Commissioner Olson thanked Scott Collins and Brian Johnson for their many years of service. Olson also thanked the staff for getting the snow cleared as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Hovda thanked Scott Collins and Brian Johnson for their years of service. Hovda thanked the Minot Park staff for their long hours of snow removal. Hovda commended the Magic City Discovery Center on their project and their persistence to get it accomplished.

Commissioner Schmitt gave best wishes to Scott Collins and Brian Johnson as they are set to retire. Schmitt thanked the staff and crews for the long hours of snow removal. Schmitt reported our staff is working extremely hard in getting everything open and hope our user groups have some patience as we navigate through all the snow.

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

Mike Schmit, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk