

Minot Park Board Meeting

February 15, 2022

The Minot Park Board meet was held on February 15, 2022 at 6:30pm in room 203 of the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

Members present: Mike Schmitt, Perry Olson, Chuck Emery and Cliff Hovda. Also present Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers.

Motion by Emery, second by Hovda to approve the January 18 Minot Park Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson, second by Emery approve the bills in the amount of \$570,059.71. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Olson, second by Hovda to approve the salaries in the amount of \$335,773.67. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Financials

Minot Parks Accountant Calyn Beckman reported they started the request for proposals for banking services.

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson reported they continue to meet with user groups regarding rate increases. President Schmitt asked if our user group rates were comparable to other cities. Olson stated that each community does it a little differently.

Souris Valley Golf Course Pro, Steve Kottsick proposed Souris Valley Golf Course to Host the 2022 State B Golf Tournament September 26 and 27. Roosevelt Park Zoo Director, Jeff Bullock would like to review the proposed flood plan for the Roosevelt Park Zoo. President Schmitt called a special meeting for February 22nd at 4pm. Horticulturist, Shannon Paul reported the first of the 35,000 plants will start arriving this month. Director of Marketing and Development, Elly DesLauriers reminded everyone of the public input meetings regarding the indoor facility study on Wednesday and Thursday. Adult Recreation Coordinator, Tom Landsiedel reported they just wrapped up Girls Class B Districts. Next up for the auditorium is Girls Class B Regionals and Boys Class B Districts. Youth Recreation Coordinator, Ann Nesheim reported they received a \$500 donation from Scheels and will be starting a Youth Archery Program this spring. Nesheim also reported that Minot Parks will now be taking on Magic City Youth Fast Pitch recreation league. Tennis Pro, Marc White reported they will be hosting a High School Doubles Tournament on March 26.

New Business

President Schmitt presented the Minot Area Council of the Arts request for \$5,000 for Arts in the Parks.

Motion by Olson, second by Hovda to approve the \$5,000 from MACA. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Emery questioned how many performances last year were from the City Band. Emery also questioned if the City Band was still paid for through funding from other sources. Emery believes we need to decide if this is the direction we want this money to continue to go or if we want to start our own concert series. Emery believed the focus has been more on

downtown then the parks. Commissioner Olson believes this should be something that we should review in the budgeting process.

On roll call, all members voted yes.

J. Olson presented bids from the Roosevelt Pool Liner with two bids from Renosys at \$140,580 and Natara Cor \$225,419. Olson recommends Renosys in the amount of \$140,580.

J. Olson presented bids for Tiger Pond Filtration. There was one submission from Aquatic Resources \$88,873.

J. Olson presented bids for SVGC Pole Barn. There were two bids from DLC \$63,200 and Hennessy Builders \$75,000. Olson recommends DLC at \$63,200.

J. Olson presented bids for the Ozone Filtration system. There was one bid from Associated Pool Builders in the amount of \$27,900.

Motion by Emery, second by Hovda to approve Renosys at \$140,580, Aquatic Resources at \$88,873, DLC at \$63,200 and Association Pool Builders at \$27,900. On roll call, all members voted yes.

E. DesLauriers gave an update on the Super Fund Site. The City of Minot had a call with EPA and they are all hoping to move forward in the summer of 2022.

Commissioner Olson presented the bids from the Corbett Field Summer Baseball RFP. Olson reported that three organizations submitted proposals. The Expedition League, AUSP and the Northwoods League. It is the recommendation of the committee to move forward with negotiations with the Northwoods League led by Mr. Bullinger. A few of the key factors that led to this decision is the Northwoods strong history of success. 2023 will be the 30th season of Northwoods League baseball. The currently have 22 teams in the league. Olson also stated one key element is the Northwoods league cosigns with ownership for any short falls. The Northwoods league is also looking at the softball league in the summer of 2023. Northwoods has a proven business model and a great level of play.

Motion by Olson second by Emery to begin negotiations with the Northwoods league. On roll call, all members voted yes.

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

Executive Director, Ron Merritt reported park staff is working with the City of Minot on their comprehensive plan. They continue to work with the City of the Greenway buyout areas. Merritt reported on the special flood control meeting at the Roosevelt Park Zoo so Park Commissioners can see the current proposed flood mitigation. Merritt also reminded the board of the upcoming public input meetings on February 16 and 17.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hovda reported he is continually impressed with the Minot Parks staff ability to continue to come up with new ideas and pressing forward. He believes the staff is always looking at ways to do more and do better.

Commissioner Olson would like to see a plan of attack in place to get the turf fields clear as soon as possible for spring baseball. Minot state and area schools are eager to get on the fields and it is what the fields were put in place for.

President Schmitt believes the upcoming public input meetings are an important event for the Minot Park District. There seems to be a lot of questions on the indoor facility study and hopes we will have answer for everyone at the input meetings.

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

Mike Schmitt, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk

carried.