

Minto Park Board Meeting

March 15, 2022

The Minot Park Board met on March 15, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Minot Municipal Auditorium in room 203.

Members present: Mike Schmitt, Ken Kitzman, Perry Olson and Chuck Emery. Also present were Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers.

Personal Appearances:

Carson Schell presented proposed changes to the rules and signage at the Bison Trail. Schell reported that the fat tire bike groomed trail can take over three hours to groom and in many cases has been ruined at the beginning of the trail by the time he completes grooming the end of the trail. Schell is hoping there is a way for all users to have a good experience on the trail. Schell also reported there are issues with dogs not being leashed and knows of many cases where a person has been bit by a dog off leash.

Director of Marketing and Development. Elly DesLauriers reported that Schell and his group of volunteers have taken good care of the trails over the years and she believes signage is a good start to educating the public on the rules of the trails.

Executive Director, Ron Merritt reported the trail is a multiuse trail and the Minot Park District would like to meet with multiple user groups to come up with a solution for the trail.

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

Motion by Olson, second by Emery to approve the minutes from the March 22nd Minot Park Board Special Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson, second by Emery to approve the bills in the amount of \$608,503.88. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Olson, second by Emery to approve the salaries in the amount of \$344,714.58. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Minot Parks Accountant, Calyn Beckman presented proposals for the Banking RFP. Beckman reported there were six banks that submitted RFPs. Beckman recommends First International Bank and Trust for operating banking services for four years.

Motion by Kitzman, second by Emery to move forward with First International Bank and Trust for banking services with Ronney Merritt and Mike Schmitt as signers on the account and update current money market.

Commissioner Olson reported that he will abstain from voting on this motion.

On roll call, Olson-abstain, Kitzman-yes, Emery-yes and Schmitt-yes. Motion carried.

Beckman reported the Minot Park District had bank depositories at Bremer with the current operating account and a small savings account. There are also saving accountants at First Western, Gem Federal Credit Union and First International Bank. There is also a tournament committee account at First International Bank and Trust.

Motion by Emery, second by Olson to approve the depositories. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson reported on the snow removal at Corbett Field and the South Hill Complex. Minot Parks forestry, maintenance and horticulture departments took part in the snow removal with over 195 hours over a 10-day period. Roosevelt Park Zoo Director, Jeff Bullock reported work on the leopard is ongoing with footers being put in place. MAYSA Arena manager, Bob Gillen reported the 15U and 12U Tournament was successful with lots of compliments on the facility and the hospitality. The MAYSA board met and voted to pay for new carpet in the concession area. Youth recreation coordinator, Ann Nesheim reported the warming houses and tube rentals have closed for the season. She also reported the summer brochure is almost complete and will be distributed through area schools. Tennis Pro, Marc White is excited for a busy March and April at Cameron Indoor.

J.Olson presented bids for the South Hill Complex concessions and press box. Olson recommends Strata Corporation with a bid of \$1,802,941.40.

Motion by Kitzman, second by Olson to accept the bid from Strata Corporation in the amount of \$1,802,941.40. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Executive Director, Ron Merritt gave an update on the Indoor Facility Study update. The staff has met with a few potential partnerships following the public forum meetings. Those two groups were the curling club as well as an area wrestling group. JLG is working on a few plans that could incorporate these groups. The goal is to have a final project to show the Minot Park Board at the April 19 board meeting.

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

Directors Report

Merritt reported staff is working with the Souris River Joint Board on a public forum for the flood control through Roosevelt Park and Roosevelt Park Zoo. Minot Park staff is working with Souris River Joint Board on a piece of land Logan that will be a great kayak connection to Minot. The greenway maintenance agreement is close to being complete for the board to approve. Merritt thanked the staff for their hard work removing the snow from Corbett Field and South Hill Complex.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Olson thanked the staff for all their hard work removing the snow from Corbett Field and South Hill Complex. The teams are excited to get out on the fields. Olson is also was excited to see the bid results for the South Hill Complex. He thanked the softball groups for all their fundraising efforts.

Commissioner Emery thanked the staff for all their hard work. Emery reported the staff does a great job of transitioning through the seasons. He reported there really isn't a down time anymore between the MAYSA, tubing, and snow removal.

Commissioner Kitzman reported everyone at the Minot Park District has passion for what they do. He thanked the staff for all their hard work and is happy to be a part of the Minot Park District.

President Schmitt thanked the staff for everything they do. Schmitt reported he was thankful for the South Hill Complex and Corbett Field getting cleared. Schmitt reported he was happy to award bids for the South Hill complex concession and press box. Schmitt reported it is a great example of what we can accomplish when working with our partner groups.

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

Mike Schmitt, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk