

Minot Park Board Meeting

May 17, 2022

The Minot Park Board met on May 17 at 6:30pm in room 203 of the Minot Municipal Auditorium. Members present: Mike Schmitt, Ken Kitzman, Perry Olson, Cliff Hovda and Chuck Emery.

Shannon Straight from Friends of the Souris reported to the Minot Park Board that they will be holding a River Clean Up on June 2 in partnership with HESS and the Minot Park District. Straight also reported they will be hosting a Kayak the River event on June 15.

Motion by Emery, second by Kitzman to approve the Minutes from the April 19 Minot Park Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Kitzman, second by Olson to approve the bills in the amount of \$819,765.69. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Emery, second by Hovda to approve the salaries in the amount of \$326,876.67. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Nick Lippert from JLG presented the final study of the Indoor Recreation Facilities. Lippert reviewed the guidelines and goals of the process. Lippert reported the user group and public engagement for this plan was well received and they were happy with the numbers of participants in both online surveys and in person forums. Lippert reported that the Indoor Recreation Facility Study will be a living document that can be a great guide for the Minot Park Board and flexible if future needs change.

President Schmitt questioned how the Minot Park Board moves forward now that the plan is finalized. Executive Director, Ron Merritt said it would be best to adopt the study into the five-year plan.

Motion by Emery, second by Olson to adopt the Indoor Facility Study Plan into the Minot Parks five-year plan. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Merritt reported that the Northwoods would like to move forward with future master planning for renovations at Corbett Field. Northwoods does have a foundation and would be willing to contribute to renovations.

Motion by Emery, second by Olson to move forward with mater planning at Corbett Field. Motion carried.

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson gave an update on progress at the Outdoor Recreation Area. Olson reported the new restroom at the Souris Valley Golf Course is set to be installed the second week in June. Olson presented bids for SVGC Triplex 11 blade and 8 blade mower. There was one bidder Toro with the cost of a seven year lease being \$7,556.71 for the Triplex and \$7,527.03 for the 8 blade.

Motion by Hovda, second by Emery to approve a seven-year lease being \$7,556.71 for the Triplex and \$7,527.03 for the 8 blade.

Olson presented a surplus list for the Minot Park Board.

Motion by Kitzman, second by Hovda to approve the surplus list. Motion carried.

Souris Valley Golf Pro, Steve Kottsick reported they are seeing more Canadians at the golf course. Souris Valley Golf Course Superintendent, Mike Chrest reported the rain has been welcomed and the course is very green. MAYSA Arena Manager, Bob Gillen reported that they will be advertising for their full-time position. Gillen also reported they will be taking out the ice in the Pepsi Rink next week. City Forester, Troy Regstad thanked the Minot Park Board for the opportunity to serve as the New City Forester. Tennis Pro, Marc White reported that summer programs are filling up fast. Director of Marketing, Elly DesLauriers reported she will be presenting a grant to the Recreation Trails Program on Thursday for Phase Two of the Outdoor Recreation Area.

Executive Director, Ron Merritt presented the financing resolution for the leopard exhibit at the Roosevelt Park Zoo.

Motion by Emery, second by Hovda to approve the financing resolution in the amount of \$680,000.00 for the purpose of financing the construction of improvements to the Roosevelt Park Zoo. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Kitzman, second by Hovda to approve the alcohol permits. Motion carried.

Executive Director, Ron Merritt reviewed his report. Merritt reported on the Outdoor Recreation progress. Merritt also reported updates on the Scheels Complex construction. Merritt reviewed current plans for a parking lot at the Bison Trail and gave an update on the Leopard Exhibit construction.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hovda thanked Mike and Steve for their work on hole two and hole three. They both look great and it is very early in the season.

Commissioner Kitzman thanked the staff for their continued work.

Commissioner Emery thanked the staff for their outstanding work and always working together as a team.

President Schmitt thanked the staff for all their good work even with hard comments that came with the large snow event in April they pushed through, and it is appreciated.

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

Mike Schmitt, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk