

Minot Park Board Meeting

November 15, 2022

The Minot Park board meet on November 15 at 6:30pm in room 203 of the Minot Municipal Auditorium. Members present: Justin Hammer, Mike Schmitt, Perry Olson and Cliff Hovda. Also present were Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hovda to approve the minutes from the October 15 board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Hovda, second by Olson to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,245,209.57. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Olson, second by Hovda to approve the salaries in the amount of \$330,462.29. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Hovda, second by Olson to add Justin Hammer and Ron Merritt as signers for the Minot Park District account at First Western. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson presented bids for the Auditorium skid steer and Corbett Field Tool kat. There was one submission from Swanston equipment.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Olson to approve the submission from Swantson equipment for the Auditorium skid steer for up to the budgeted amount of \$57,000.00. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Olson, second by Schmitt to approve the submission from Swantson equipment for the Corbett Field Tool kat for up to \$70,000.00. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Director of Marketing and Development, Elly DesLauriers reported they are working with the City of Minot and area Cross Country Skiers on a plan for the winter. The City of Minot is creating an amendment to allow the Cross-Country skiing to take place in the Moose Park Area.

Motion by Olson, second by Hovda to approve the amendment to groom cross country trails at Moose Park. Motion carried.

Maintenance Superintendent, James Burns reported the pool liner at Roosevelt looks good. Burns also reported they have a snow removal plan in place for the parks and facilities. City Forestry, Troy Regstad reported they continue work with Tim Baumann with 1,000 trees for Minot. Regstad also reported they are going to be working on removing some trees at the Souris Valley Golf Course. Adult Recreation Coordinator, Tom Landsiedel reported District and Regional Volleyball went well. He thanked Kathy Fiest for all her hard work with concessions. Youth Recreation Coordinator, Ann Nesheim reported they are working with the Minot Swim Club on a plan for swimming lesson to be offered through the Minot Park District in the summer of 2023. Tennis Pro, Marc White reported that Cameron Indoor is full speed ahead for the indoor season.

Executive Director, Ron Merritt reported that he had been contacted by a property owner with lots for sale by Corbett Field curious if Minot Parks would have interest in looking at them. The assessed value is almost identical to the current asking price.

Commissioner Schmitt asked what the immediate plans would be for the properties. Merritt reported we could keep them as rentals until we had a plan in place. Commissioner Olson reported we should at the very least look at the properties. Vice President Hammer reported with it being so close to Corbett Field we should look into the properties. Hammer reported you don't get many opportunities to look at properties that close to a facility. Merritt reported he would reach out to the owner for more information.

Merritt also reported on moving forward with the Indoor Facility Study. Staff will be meeting again with user groups that have shown interest on partnering as we move forward. Staff will also be meeting with JLG to discuss the process of moving forward and estimates.

J.Olson reported on Pickleball Court renovations at Roosevelt Park. Phase one of renovations with court refacing, fencing, nets and resurfacing is set at \$60,000.00. Minot Parks has \$31,000.00 in budget. Olson reported the Pickleball Group is willing to fundraise and once plans are finalized, they are eager to get started. DesLauriers reported she is looking into a BUSH Foundation grant as well as Land and Water Conservation through North Dakota Parks and Recreation.

Commissioner Schmitt believes we should have a fundraising goal for the group and he is glad they are willing to support it. Commissioner Olson believes the group has the knowledge and willingness to raise the funds. Vice President Hammer reported he is eager for the estimates at the December meeting and a report back on grant opportunities.

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

Directors Report

Executive Director Merritt reported they are working on dates for the Minot Park Board to have a tour of the Magic City Discovery Center. Merritt also reported they will be bringing two agreements to the board for the Pump Track and Corbett Field Master Plan.

Commissioner Reports

Olson reported he would like to move the board meeting time to 5:30pm starting in January of 2023. Olson believes this still gives the public time to get to the meeting after a business day. Discussion was held and Merritt reported he would do some research and bring any concerns to the December board meeting.

Hammer thanked Merritt for facility tours at the Roosevelt Park Zoo and MAYSA Arena.

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

Justin Hammer, Vice President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk