

Minot Park Board Minutes
January 17, 2012

The Minot Park Board met on January 17, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Courtroom.

Members Present: Richard Sabol, Connie Feist, Robert Petry, and Ron Bieri. Also present were Ron Merritt and Cindy Thomas. Cliff Hovda was not at the meeting.

Personal Appearances: Brent Mattson, MAYSA Expansion Committee, appeared before the Board to present the committee's plan for a third sheet of ice at the Maysa Arena. They are asking the Board to refinance the existing loan and add an additional \$1.5 million to that note for the third rink. The estimated cost of the third rink is \$5.5 million to \$7 million. Feist questioned what percent of the operating costs MAYSA is willing to contribute to the third sheet. Mattson stated the subsidy with the inclusion of the third sheet would not increase. Charles Emery, ice arena superintendent, stated the other groups associated with the third rink would be paying the costs of the third rink. Feist stated she felt the timing of the request was bad since the Park District has incurred several million dollars worth of damage District wide. Sabol questioned if the note would be a fixed rate. Mattson stated it would be reviewed every five years. Representatives from the Minot Hockey Boosters, Magic Figure Skating Club, Minot State University Hockey Club, and the Minotauros all appeared before the Board to lend their support to the third sheet of ice. Discussion was then held as to the request and the timing of the request. After discussion, motion by Petry, second by Feist to move the ice arena topic to next month's public meeting. Motion carried with Sabol voting no.

Motion by Sabol, second by Petry to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2011 Park Board meeting and the minutes from the January 3, 2012 and January 12, 2012 Committee of the Whole meetings. Motion carried.

Motion by Feist, second by Sabol to approve bills in the amount of \$247,849.17. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Feist, second by Petry to approve salaries in the amount of \$127,830.80. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Golf Committee Report: Motion by Sabol, second by Feist to approve the golf rates from 2011 with the exception of lowering the 18-hole cart rate to \$15.00 and the 18-hole, ½ cart rate to \$7.50. Discussion was held as to the reasoning of this decrease. Petry stated in looking at the profit and loss for the golf course, the subsidy is very great, and feels a different philosophy must be adopted. All prices were dropped after the flood in 2011. Motion failed unanimously. Motion by Petry, second by Sabol to adopt the fees from 2011 with no changes. Motion carried.

The three VFD panels taken to the Cities to be tested have been found to be ineffectual. Randy Burckhard, flood recovery, has asked the Board's permission to call for bids for new panels. Motion by Sabol, second by Feist to call for bids for new VFD panels. Petry questioned if the lower half of the golf course was not rebuilt, would we still need three panels. Steve Kottsick, golf pro, reported only one of those panels was for SVGC. Motion carried.

Zoo Committee Report: Sabol reported there were no recommendations from the committee. David Merritt presented a plan for an aviary for the educational center, but the committee asked him to bring prices back to the committee.

Administration Committee Report: Discussion was held regarding the hiring of Personnel Sector Personnel Consultants to review the salary schedule. They would update the salary study we have by doing the 15-benchmark positions. The work would be done off site. Motion by Feist, second by Sabol to accept the proposal from Public Sector Personnel Consultants for \$7,500.00 and have it done before the next budget cycle. Petry questioned what we needed to do in order to get people to take the jobs. Brian Mathson, acting maintenance superintendent, stated the pay would need to increase by a couple dollars an hour for the open maintenance position. Petry stated people do not seem to stay very long, and once they do, they will stay. He felt the part time positions are where we needed to look. He also stated we could not play catch with the oil people, that is a battle we cannot win. Motion carried, with Petry voting no.

Director's Report: Merritt reported he had visited with Stonebridge Farms and they would attend a meeting with the plans. Merritt will contact them and see if it is possible for them to come to one of the Thursday board meetings. He also reported bids for the maintenance shop would be opened on February 6 at 2 PM. Petry questioned if there was power at the maintenance shop. Mathson stated they have temporary power. Merritt also reported the Park District has been invited to a meeting on Thursday at 2 PM in the City Council chambers to meet with Conrad regarding the recovery process.

Commissioner's Reports: Feist stated she had attended a meeting with FEMA and would like the Park District to go on record supporting the walking trail going from Broadway to Third St. Motion by Feist, second by Petry to restore the east-west walking trail along the river to pre-flood condition. Bieri reported FEMA stated we could not continue with that trail, as the riverbank is not there. Motion carried.

Petry stated he would like the Director to provide some information to the Board regarding the ice situation. He would like more information about both the ice and the borrowing of funds. He would like the Director to make a recommendation whether the Board can afford it or not.

Bieri stated he has been attending the weekly meetings with FEMA and suggested if anyone wanted to attend, to feel free to do so. There will be a meeting on Thursdays at Noon to update the Board. After discussion, Petry stated he would attend the next Tuesday meeting.

Merritt reported Cliff Hovda would like to hold another golf committee meeting the end of the month. It was decided the golf committee would meet on Friday, January 27, 2012 with Houston Engineering in attendance at that meeting.

Other Business: Kottsick reported he would be having lunch with the golf course architect next week and invited Board members to attend. Bieri asked that Kottsick e-mail them once the date has been set.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Thomas, clerk

Ron Bieri, President

