

**Minot Park Board Minutes  
September 20, 2011**

The Minot Park Board met on September 20, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Courtroom.

Members Present: Richard Sabol, Connie Feist, Ron Bieri, Cliff Hovda, and Robert Petry. Also present were Ron Merritt and Cindy Thomas.

Personal Appearances: None.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Feist, second by Sabol to approve the following minutes:

August 16, 2011 Park Board meeting.

August 31, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting.

September 7, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting.

September 9, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Petry questioned if Mr. Lynne's request had been addressed. Merritt stated that it had. Motion carried.

Motion by Hovda, second by Sabol to approve bills in the amount of \$140,945.44. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Petry, second by Hovda to approve salaries in the amount of \$140,296.04. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Golf Committee Report: Hovda briefly went over the golf committee report. Sabol questioned if the golf cart rental by Hostfest had been discussed. Merritt stated he had visited with both Jim Montgomery and Steve Kottsick regarding this agreement, but had no details.

Zoo Committee Report: Sabol reported Commissioner Petry had wanted to have T-shirts or caps made to thank those organizations and people who have helped both the Zoo and Park District during the flood of 2011. After discussion, the Board asked that David Merritt put together something and bring it back to the Board.

Parks Committee Report: Motion by Hovda, second by Petry to declare the 1946 Chevy truck surplus property and put out for bid to the highest bidder. Motion carried.

Administration Committee Report: Merritt reported we are close to an agreement with the insurance company concerning the new zoo entrance building. He would like the Board to proceed with the building and authorize Rolac Contracting to bring the building back to pre-flood conditions. Motion by Hovda, second by Petry to authorize Rolac Contracting to bring the new zoo entrance building back to pre-flood conditions and proceed with construction. Discussion was held regarding various aspects of the building. Motion carried.

Hovda questioned what is happening with flood insurance for 2012. Merritt reported he is still waiting on prices from Jim Montgomery.

Motion by Feist, second by Sabol to approve the following alcohol permits:

Travis Layman	Polaris Park	09/02/11
Game & Fish Dept.	Maysa Arena	09/01/11
Lisa Martwick	Maysa Arena	09/10/11

Motion carried.

Director's Report: Merritt reported he had met with the Department Heads concerning priorities for clean up in the Park District. They also discussed the possibility of having volunteer groups help with the cleaning of some of the small parks. He reported the State Forest Service is working on grants to replace trees. Merritt also reported the A & E Contract should be ready this week. There was also some language in the consultant's contract that needed to be deleted, as it applies more to a contractor than to a consulting company. He will make those changes and bring it back to a committee meeting.

Commissioner's Reports: Feist stated she would like to provide more information to the public about what the Park District is doing as people are wondering. Merritt stated he had done an interview with both television stations.

Petry agreed with Feist as he has had several people questioning him concerning the Park District.

Hovda wanted to commend the staff and Board for getting the Park District moving. He also was in agreement with the preliminary budget as presented.

Bieri read an excerpt from a letter received from the EPA, 'I have never encountered a nicer, more resilient set of people' and thought it reflected well on our staff. He was also pleased with the report from the EPA concerning soil samples, as many people have questioned that very thing.

Sabol thought a good idea would be to get the Oak Park sign cleaned up and thank the people for voting for Oak Park.

Mike Maiellano, Adjusters International, reported they are sending project worksheets in daily and that most are being returned from FEMA with shortfalls. They are busy trying to correct them.

Sabol also questioned if anyone had been contacted about the dumping of trash by the dog park. He stated he had been in contact with his council member about this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Thomas, clerk

Ron Bieri, President