

MONTHLY MEETING

March 17th, 2025 - 5:30PM

Board Members: Seim, Fietek, Stromberg, Freeman, Irvine,

Bookkeeping- Amanda Pickar

Present : Seim, Praska, Stromberg, Freeman, Irvine (late), Fietek

Absent: NA

Community Guests:, Duane Berg, Jordan Hollingsworth, Waylon Lietz, Jay Skorheim

Meet Called to Order by: Ashley Seim

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes 1. J. Fietek 2. J. Stromberg

Financials: 1- J. Fietek 2- S. Freeman

OLD BUSINESS

Community Building Committee Update

No Major Updates, committee met with Foss to discuss questions regarding new renderings - Ashley received a message from Kristi who works as a project and fund development consultant with Grafton parks and recreation and wants to meet to discuss our community building project. Ashley plans to meet with her on Wednesday (Mar. 19th)

Splash Pad Equipment Building

No updates - the splash pad will need some grooming due to the area lacking grass - we will need features like benches. Josh mentioned getting bollards or some sort of barrier for safety purposes. Joe mentioned using boulders if there are any available.

Lease Agreements:

Park board met with the city council grounds committee to discuss the leases agreements - some changes were proposed.

Lease states that the leasee will pay for all utilities within the land in question on the lease and this portion was brought up as a concern due to the wording as other facilities and infrastructure exist on the land; could muddy up who pays for what when expenses arise. The lease also states that the park district will "take things as they are" so verbiage needs to be changed and specifics need to be listed so that it is more black and white. Jordan Hollingsworth shared his concerns with the lease, specifically the verbiage that states 'all other leases will be null and void' and wants to make sure that clause does not include current leases for other entities like the coliseum and golf course. Jordan states he largely agrees with what has been discussed and expressed how the current lease could lead to excessive expenditures for the park district based on current verbiage.

Insurance - the policy is currently with the city, it is listed under the city of PR and park district. We are equally insured and underneath other entities involved. Ashley suggested we move to a 60 days transition period if the policy umbrella were to change because it can take awhile to transition.

Notices given personally will be formally written out; not verbal or a hand shake.

Pool:

Josh emailed Dakota Drain Services, but has not heard back - he called the company recommended (to Joe) by Harold Myrdal but has not heard back. He will try the toll free number.

We need to decide what needs to be done with the pool once the lease agreements are finalized. If the pool is no longer viable, this sector of land does not really serve as a park due to a parking lot and maybe no frisbee golf course so that will be up for discussion as decisions with the pool continue.

Joe asked if motorized vehicles have been going through Riverside park and if there are signs to indicate that this is prohibited. It was stated this has been an issue in the past, but has tapered off in recent years.

Misty states will need to get signs up for the donors who sponsored holes. It has been put off because of parking lot discussions. Signage may need to be simple without a course map so that it can be versatile if the course is relocated.

It was stated the golf course and coliseum lease is vague.

Joe stated it may be worth exploring if a new pool can be built on top of the existing pool to save on money (re use current building) - concerns were expressed with the location because it is located on a hill and on land that the park district does not own.

Ashley questions how much we should continue to develop land that is not ours.

We will wait to hear from Foss, Dakota Drain and the other company on whether they can assess the current state of the pool or not and if so, what the cost is for this.

Kids Fishing Derby

Donations:

\$200 Cash Donation Brenton Hell Family

\$100 Cash Donation Anonymous

S'more Supplies - Praska Family

Hot Cocoa, Hot Dogs, Buns, Cookies Donation - Chris and Tere Nielsen

- Purchased and supplied

Specialty Cookies Donation - Miranda Strange

Cenex - 2 \$25 gift cards (prizes), \$100

Runnings, Grafton - \$40 gift card (prize)

Scheels - \$100 gift card *used to purchase prizes

Ashley Seim and Adam Nielsen - \$67 toward prizes

Bags of Chips (Individual Bags) - Loren Estad

Purchases with Cash Donations **to include Scheels gift card:

Prizes:

Pop up Ice House

5 Tackle Boxes

2 tip up fishing rods

1 regular style ice fishing rod

5 Ice Fishing Scoops

2 clam tripod chairs

2 clam 5 gallon buckets

Other:

Lures for each kid that registered

Minnnows

Free Will Donation Earnings-
\$347 to be deposited
82 registered kids

NEW BUSINESS

Playground Fill

Village Green Park needs wood chip filler for the playground . This has been low since at least 2023. Swing set area is especially bad. Misty suggested mats for underneath the swings to reduce wear and tear.

Duane talked with Opp Construction -they suggest mulch chips as a better option to wood chips because they tangle which reduces the amount that fly out due to wind. \$57/cubic yard is what he was quoted.

Ashley provided a spread sheet with pricing for playground fill. Duane will check with Opp Construction if there is a discount for this due to using them as a vendor for irrigation.

Misty will reach out to prior contact at Dakota Playground to ask about a quote.

Credit Card

Misty will look into a business card - Chase Card, US Bank - she will need to open a business account with her name and SS #.

Motion to get a credit card for Misty Praska 1. J. Fietek 2. D. Irvine

Account Transfers

Joe says because of prior overdraft fees, he is asking about money movement if there is a shortage as we have money in savings - Joe suggests giving the city office the ability to move money if needed to avoid this in the future.

Dante is okay with the idea of the money transferring as long as it is brought to the board. It is suggested that there is a limit set to the amount. It was stated that the transferring of money will be allowed after it is presented to the board. This can be reassessed if needed.

Purchases

Misty stated there are several purchases that are needed as we move into the spring season.

Misty will compile a list of items that need to be purchased and send prior to next meeting.

Board will review procurement plan to discuss at the April meeting

Other

Contracts for PRAS, Legion and Boosters need to get finalized. A special meeting will be scheduled to handle this. Ashley will send out dates to get this taken care of.