

Wahpeton Park Board Minutes

July 17, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Wahpeton Park Board was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 5:15 pm at the Community Center in Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Commissioners present: Brian Watson, Roger Jensen, Zack Hatting, Tyler Gripentrog, (Casey Formaneck)

Staff present: Brad Edwardson - Director of Parks and Recreation, Curt Holtz - Park Superintendent, Cortney Mann - Recreation Director, Kathy Diekman - Zoo Director Connie Metcalf, Park Board Clerk

Meeting was called to order by Park Board President Brian Watson.

Citizen's Request: none

Approval of Minutes:

*Motion by Jensen to approve the Park Board meeting minutes from June 26, 2024, seconded by Gripentrog.
MC 4-0.

Reports from Officers:

Director: Received approval for \$6300 NDCA FY25 Art For Life grant.

Received approval for \$2000 NDFS grant for 11 trees along 8th Ave N park entrance..

RRASC will vote on a motion to grant/donation to Wahpeton Park Board \$4000 for the electricity and cabinet project at Knights Shelter.

Summer Food Program June meals reimbursement will be sent in the week of July 22. (roughly 20K).

All items are here for the multi-purpose Pickleball court. Waiting on contractor to put in concrete anchors.

Talked with WPS superintendent Michael Kiser about releasing Evergreen Park back to school. He is checking on options.

Zoo Director: New fundraising QR codes are being put in for animal signs.

Attendance has been down affected by weather.

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Reports from Commissioners and Committees:

Maintenance / Planning:

Jensen- contacted painter to paint concession stand.

Zoo needs to purchase a new Bobcat loader. They will ask CEC for \$15K and Park Board for \$15K and it will be shared with the park.

Hatting - He suggested getting quotes to landscape around bases of park entrance sign.

Holtz - Zoo will sell camping cabins rather than us repairing and setting them up at Kidder.

Picked up stump grinder 7/16.

Pool concession stand exterior is nearly complete.

Light needs to be put on the JRF flag.

*Motion by Hatting to help zoo purchase a Bobcat for \$15k, seconded by Jensen. MC 3-1.

Personnel/Finance:

All new park employees must submit a background check.

Recreation:

All rec programs will end July 26th. We had 630 participates in all activities.

Fall sports will start in August.

New AD for WPS named David Woods.

*Gripentrog motioned to approve the committee reports, seconded by Jensen. MC. 4-0.

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Scheduled Committee meetings:

Maintenance / Planning Committee – Tuesday, August 13, 2024 - 12 PM – Park Shop.

Personnel / Finance Committee – Wednesday, August 14, 2024- - 12:00 PM – WCC.

Recreation Committee – Thursday, August 15, 2024 -12:15 PM – WCC.

Commissioner’s Requests:

Financial Reports:

Park Board Clerk’s report:

Checking – Park Board \$947,715.36.

Park and Rec Foundation \$197,011.81.

Other Assets \$415,000.

* **Gripentrog** motioned to approve financial reports and approve Park Board bills, seconded by Hatting. MC 4-0.

Unfinished / New Business: (100% approval for vote consideration).

Date of Next meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2024- 5:15 PM – Wahpeton Community Center.

Adjournment.

*Jensen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Gripentrog. MC 4-0

Brian Watson, Park Board President

Connie Metcalf, Park Board Clerk*