

# Wahpeton Park Board Minutes

**June 26, 2024**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Wahpeton Park Board was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 5:15 pm at the Community Center in Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

Staff present: Brad Edwardson - Director of Parks and Recreation, Curt Holtz - Park Superintendent, Cortney Mann - Recreation 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 Hatting to approve the Park Board meeting minutes from April 17, 2024, seconded by Gripentrog. MC 5-0.

## Reports from Officers:

**Director:** Waiting on grant approvals for NDCA and NDFS applications.

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

State Health Inspector was here 6/17 for the Summer Food Program. Kitchen passed, still need to install a new refrigerator. Fridge is here just waiting to be installed.

Waiting to get started on multipurpose court for pickleball. Bryan Wolfgram is the contractor for this project.

Waiting on final write up for the Red Door Art Gallery. Property Ins options.

NDIRF informed us that the premiums are going to increase in 2025. 25% for entire state.

Park Board budget was submitted to the Richland County Auditor.

Park Board discussion on facilities naming rights policy.

Discussed naming right for JRF.

Park Board agreed on WCC being closed July 5<sup>th</sup>.

\*Motion by Tobias to close WCC for July 5<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Gripentrog. MC. 5-0..

\*Motion to install electricity at Jackie's Park SW corner by Hatting, seconded by Gripentrog. MC 5-0

**Zoo Director:** No report.

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## Reports from Commissioners and Committees:

### **Maintenance / Planning:**

**Jensen** - Wahpper sign will have some modifications done to it.

Cameras needed to cover playground gazebo due to vandalism happening. Ann Schmitt will help pay for them.

\$1500-1800 for new cameras.

Looking into a grant for kidder cameras from Richland County Health Dept grant.

Evergreen Park decision on if we want to maintain it anymore or turn it back over to the school.

Jensen made a mention that Schmitty's has donated a lot of things to the park.

**Hatting** - said trees north of the golf course cart sheds need to be cleared out to make area more open and have a turn around.

Needs to be patrolled down there also per WPD.

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

**Holtz** - Dog park has new waterers for now.

Softball and Baseball fields have lines painted and fences sprayed.

All Softball lights are working except one has to be replaced.

Ford pickup (Waynes) is no longer useable – 350,000 miles on it.

Working on quotes for Hughes Shelter roof,

Keeble shelter looks nice and has been rented.

Pool ready to open June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Still working on pool concession stand should be done in July.

### **Personnel/Finance:**

All summer rec programs are filled. Park maintenance positions are still needed.

Checking – Park Board \$948,290.389

Park and Rec Foundation \$198,712.12.

Other Assets \$415,000.

### **Recreation:**

3 x 3 wahpper Tournament going on

\*Gripentrog motioned to approve the committee reports, seconded by Jensen. MC. 5-0.

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## Scheduled Committee meetings:

**Maintenance / Planning Committee** – Tuesday, July 9, 2024 - 12 PM – Park Shop.

**Personnel / Finance Committee** – Wednesday, July 10, 2024 - 12:00 PM – WCC.

**Recreation Committee** – Thursday, July 10, 2024 -12:15 PM – WCC.

**Commissioner's Requests:** Hatting talked on the South Walmart Project – Park out there?

## Financial Reports:

Park Board Clerk's report: Director's report

\* Tobias motioned to approve financial reports and approve Park Board bills, seconded by Gripentrog. MC 5-0.

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

**Date of Next meeting:** Wednesday, July 17,2024- 5:15 PM – Wahpeton Community Center.

## **Adjournment.**

\*Gripentrog motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tobias. MC 5-0

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**Brian Watson, Park Board President**

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**Connie Metcalf, Park Board Clerk\***