



## Mitchell Park, Recreation & Forestry Board Minutes

9/7/2022 - Minutes

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Meeting called to order by Chris Retterath, President of Board at 6:00 PM*

*Present: Chris Retterath, Andy Jerke, Luke Norden, Austin Havlik, Clayton Deuter.*

*Absent: Pat Skinner, Jeremy Gunkel. Council Liaison: Marty Barington*

*Staff present: Kevin Nelson, Kevin DeVries, Angel DeWaard, Steve Roth, Jeremy Nielsen*

### 2. PUBLIC INPUT - If You Need To Address The Park Board On An Item That Was Not On The Agenda, Excluding Personnel Items, Please Come Forward To The Podium And State Your Name And Concern. Presentations Will Be Limited To Three Minutes. Items Will Be Considered But No Action Will Be Taken At This Time.

### 3. DELEGATIONS

- A. Board Representative Of Dakota Riptide Swim Team - Discussion On Adjustment Of Hourly Pool Rental Rate For Team Practices

*A delegation from Dakota Riptide Swim Team represented by Ryan Raml and Walt Moody were present. Mr. Raml informed the Board the club is unable to meet it's financial obligations to the city which includes the final \$200,000 of the \$1 million pledge to help pay for the new indoor aquatic center as well as the rental fees for the use of the indoor pool, noting the first three payments went well but ran into trouble when COVID-19 hit as donors pulled back on their commitments and the fourth payment was made last year with fundraising and family contributions but a fifth payment still needs to be made. Another concern is the ongoing closure of the indoor aquatic center due to the pool's plaster surface issues along with the full-time coach moving away. Mr. Moody noted we've got kids going to Huron, which is part of the Dakota Riptide Swim Team or Sioux Falls to practice and we will not be able to get them back until we hire a coach. Mr. Raml expressed concern on the amount the club pays in rental rates, noting the per-lane basis is the second highest rental rate, he also expressed at this point they are seeking a reduction or suspension of practice fees to use the pool and/or to potentially have the \$200,000 annual pledge halted. After a brief discussion the Board thanked Mr. Raml and Mr. Moody for their time and noted this will be discussed during the executive session.*

### 4. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

### 5. Old Business: Secretary/Treasurer Position Acceptance By Pat Skinner

*Secretary/Treasurer Position Acceptance was moved to the October meeting due to the absence of Pat Skinner.*

## 6. Approval Of Minutes

*Minutes of the August 11, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Motion Jerke, Second Deuter to approve the August 11, 2022 Minutes as read. Motion carried.*

## 7. Approve Financial Reports

*Motion Norden, Second Havlik to approve the Bills as submitted. Motion carried.*

## 8. Department Reports

*Recreation Board Report*

*August 12<sup>th</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Kevin DeVries*

### Programs:

*Fall programs are under way. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade tackle Football (68 kids) and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Flag Football (63 kids) started mid-August and will continue through the end of September. Our Men's Adult Flag Football league will get started September 7<sup>th</sup> and will be held on Wednesday evenings through the end of October. As of today, we have 10 teams.*

*All other registration for fall/winter programs is underway with girls K-6<sup>th</sup> Volleyball starting up September 12<sup>th</sup> followed by our basketball, tennis and wrestling programs. We have 3 DIY programs that will take place in October and November. 2 sessions with crazy about cupcakes, board and brush and make your own T-shirt with SunGold Sports. We appreciate their help and is great to work with those businesses.*

*As of now our 1<sup>st</sup> session of swim lessons will have to be rescheduled to a later date as the Indoor Aquatic Center will not be ready for the September 26<sup>th</sup> start date.*

*The Outdoor Aquatic Center closed for the season on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Over all we had a good year at the pool despite a slow start. The sunshade company did return to install the new sail at the concession area the week after we closed. We hope that will be a nice change for next year.*

### Recreation Center:

*School started up again so it was great to see the kids back at the Rec Center. Preschool got underway and we are full in all the classes. Our Afterschool program started up as well and we are full with 30 kids in that too.*

*We are hoping the weather stays nice throughout the next few months so kids can go outside after school. With the indoor aquatic center still closed that always gives them more options. We hope to know very soon a re-opening date as plans are in the works to fix the plaster issues as well as others problems found.*

*The old pool remodel looks to get underway in October/November so we are very excited to see that get started. The completion date will not be until next summer sometime as HVAC equipment is a year out for orders.*

*We've stayed pretty steady with members even with the pool being down. Thomas and Adam have been working with a lot of the adult swimmers on other fitness options and taking advantage of all the things we offer.*

## **Parks & Forestry**

### **Board Report**

#### **September 2022**

- *Winterizing the outdoor pool*
- *Irrigation maintenance*
- *Spraying weeds*
- *Cleaning up landscape beds*
- *Trimming of all the parks and lake areas*
- *Working on installing the playground equipment at Kiwanis Woodlot*
- *Hauling picnic tables for Dakota Fest, Corn Palace week and to the high school*
- *Removed 10 trees and stumps for the Public Works Department on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> street project*
- *Removed some trees for Waste Water Department between N. Harmon and Airport Road from around their manhole covers*
- *High school tennis has started*
- *Day to day operations of the parks*

#### **PARK BOARD REPORT – SPORTS COMPLEX**

##### **SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

###### **CADWELL:**

- *Park and Rec. tackle and flag football have started. Flag football goes until the end of October.*
- *DWU baseball and softball have started. They go for about 6 weeks.*
- *Tomorrow night is last night for co-ed softball.*
- *We have Special Olympics Sept. 24-25. They will use the west softball fields and old soccer fields for bocce ball.*
- *Staff is still mowing, irrigation, cleaning, working on fields for games and practices.*

###### **SOCCER:**

- *DWU men's and women's soccer season is going. Last regular season games are the end of October.*
- *MSA is going on. Youth soccer ends Sept. 24, competitive ends October 22.*
- *Staff is mowing, painting, irrigation and cleaning from games and practices.*
- *Pump for irrigation did come in and get installed. \$7,216.24.*

###### **ICE ARENA:**

- *North compressors are in and running. South compressors are turned on. There was a Freon leak that had to be fixed. \$9,211.88.*
- *Started putting water down last weekend.*
- *Hockey camp Sept. 23*

#### **9. Approve Kitchen Lines - Change Of Courts At Hitchcock Park**

*Director Nelson informed the Board last month they approved kitchen lines on the east eight courts,*

*however, there has been a change, it will actually be the two far east courts and the newest four courts way to the west as they already have junior tennis lines on them and the far east courts actually have kitchen lines. We did contact the tennis coach concerning the change and he is fine with it. After a brief discussion, Motion Jerke, Second Havlik to approve the kitchen lines on the far two east courts and the newest four courts way to the west. Motion carried.*

**10. Executive Session: Motion To Enter Into Executive Session In Accordance With SDCL 1-25-2 (5) Discussing Marketing Or Pricing Strategies**

*Motion Havlik, Second Norden to Enter into Executive Session in Accordance with SDCL 1-25-3 (5) Discussing Marketing or Pricing Strategies. Motion approved.*

*Motion Havlik, Second Norden to exit out of Executive Session at 8:14 pm. Motion approved.*

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM*

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business the Board adjourned at 8:15 PM*