

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PARKS & RECREATION WAS HELD AT 5:30 P.M.
AUGUST 17, 2021 AT THE WARC.

PRESENT: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Liffriq, Larson

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Krueger, Alex Kitchens, Adam Kitchens, Stillwell, Peterson, Beeghley, Barsh, Lynner, Jim Cote, Heise, Nelson, Floyd, Egge, Shanahan, Blume

Larson called meeting to order.

No correspondence or citizens to be heard.

MOTION by Owens, SECONDED by Axtman, we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as received.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Owens, SECONDED by Axtman, we approve Park Dist. bills in the amount of \$1,135,358.72 and Boys Baseball bills. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Liffriq, Larson. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Heller asked for clarification on the ProShop bill. Liffriq asked for clarification on the ProIT bill and attorney fees for this month.

MOTION by Owens, SECONDED by Axtman, we approve Park Dist. Financial statement and Boys Baseball financial overview. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Larson. NAY: Liffriq. ABSENT: None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT –

- Marketing – fall brochure coming out
- Kids Camp – record number of participants
- Events coming up – Xtrek and Nerf Wars
- Staff – Special thanks to Jared Ward, Taylor Nelson, and Joe Kemp for their time here with WPRD. Hired Branden Beegly for the AFS position.
- Safety – inspections cleaned up and ready to go
- Parks – preparing for the Xtrek, big help to the Chokeycherry Festival
- Special thanks to Vivian for her Williston Leadership Project; repainting the train
- Athletic Facilities – still working hard outside, preparing fields for the fall sports
- Child Sitting – Miranda Iblings is moving back into the management position, upcoming programs
- MDU – Special thanks to Travis for taking care of this and getting some reimbursements for WPRD
- Aquatics – getting ready for swimming lessons and the Xtrek
- Recreation – fall programs are starting. Big jump in the youth soccer program this year. Shout out to Tyler for his end of the season BBQ for his baseball league program
- Fitness – fall programs coming and hoping to bring in more members
- Cash fund balance – good report. Thanks to staff for saving money where they can.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Airport Property Redevelopment. No updates.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. 2022 WPRD Final Budget. \$0 of Property Tax to the citizens of Williston. Liffriq asked a few questions to clarify the upcoming budgets and what we have in savings. Krueger is asking for a team effort to come up with some solutions. Heller agrees, but also believes it is the Park Boards responsibility to make sure we

are financially secure. All members agreed we need some ideas for revenues. Liffriq is asking for a committee to come up with some more ideas. Axtman is asking Liffriq what else can be done.

- a. MOTION by Axtman, SECONDED by Owens, we approve 2022 Tax Budget for the City of Williston. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Larson. NAY: Liffriq. ABSENT: None.
- b. WPRD/WPSD #007 2021-2022 school year use agreement. Thank you to Alex Mock for working with the school. 3% increase to this agreement to cover all the expenses. Great partnership. MOTION by Axtman, SECONDED by Owens, we approve the 2021-2022 School Use Agreement. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Liffriq, Larson. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.
- c. WPRD/WSC Pete Conlin Ice Arena Use Agreement. MOTION by Owens, SECONDED by Heller, we approve the 2021-2022 Ice Arena Use Agreement. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Liffriq, Larson. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.
- d. Accounting Questions.
 - a. Liffriq wanted a few clarifications with payments from July's numbers.
 - b. When do we write handwritten checks? The reply was when John Heise is out of the office or if they need a check written immediately. Boys Baseball writes out all of their checks.
 - c. There was clarification that Jared Ward is going to be a part-time employee for WPRD and a full-time employee for WSC.
 - d. Heller asked for clarification on the expenses for the Travel Volleyball National Tournament expenses, etc.
 - e. Liffriq asked for the explanation on the comp policy. Larson said it is not on the agenda so cannot be discussed at the meeting.
- e. Leadership Team Meetings. Owens asked Liffriq why he was not at the Leadership Team Meeting that was scheduled last month? And why he thinks the Leadership Team is "a joke?" Liffriq doesn't think much is being accomplished. Krueger is asking him to be a part of the solutions and to support the Park District and staff. Barsh said that he believes this committee needs Park Board to help and come to these meetings to come up with ideas. Krueger explained the importance of the Leadership Team. Heller said he believes Liffriq was referring to the financial decisions being "a joke" and Liffriq apologized and expressed it was not intended to anyone personally, but possibly the process. All agree we need to keep working on solutions.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- a. Citizens to be heard. Larry Grondahl requested to be heard; Larson said he does not need to recognize him. Grondahl said words are being said around town about the past. He ended his statement and said that this board has created this problem. Krueger said he needs solutions.
- b. Written

TABLED ITEMS

- a. Safety Policy No. 670. No updates.

MOTION by Axtman SECONDED by Owens the meeting adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED.

ATTEST: Mackenzie Blume, Director of Communications and Customer Service