

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PARKS & RECREATION WAS HELD AT 5:30 P.M. JULY 20, 2021 AT THE WARC.

PRESENT: Owens, Axtman, Liffbrig, Larson

ABSENT: Heller

OTHERS: D Krueger, C Ehlinger, A Mock, M Skorick, Alex Kitchens, M Iblings, W Stillwell, J Cote, J Heise, K Cote, Z Peterson, T Kitchens, Z Nelson, Adam Kitchens

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 Axtman, SECONDED by Owens, we approve Park Dist. bills in the amount of \$874,464.25 and Boys Baseball bills. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Axtman, Liffbrig, Larson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heller.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT –

- Fall Brochure information is starting to be collected
- Kids Camp is going great. Thank you especially to the Police & Fire Department and Center Youth Kids on Stage.
- Staff moving on. Special thanks to Stacy Mock, Heather Ralph, and Jared Ward.
- New signs out at the Golf Course. Thank you to the WPRD Foundation.
- Aafedt Stadium. Last Keybirds game 7/20/21 and 13 Year Old Babe Ruth World Series is beginning 7/21/21 and running through the weekend.
- Storm damage. We have damage at the parks, RFCC, vehicles, trailers, etc so insurance is looking around at locations.
- Aquatics. Swim lessons is going well and extra participants are able to get in lessons. Air handler is being looked at (very loud.) July 4th Party went well.
- Recreation. Very busy. Shout out to the Travel Volleyball program. And congrats to the BOOM Softball teams that brought home 2 state titles!
- Child Sitting. Over 1000 visits last month.
- Finances. Going well. Positive balance.
- Leadership Team Meetings. Thank you to those Park Board Commissioners that attended meetings with the Leadership Team to discuss how things are going. And find ways to help WPRD survive and move into the future.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Airport Property Redevelopment. No new information.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. 2022 WPRD Preliminary Budget. Liffriq asked Krueger what his intentions are for the employees that have left. Krueger stated that the preliminary budget has 3 staff positions to be hired, budgeted in it at this time. Krueger stated that the Leadership team and board members at the meetings agreed that we need to do something to help the staff. Liffriq asked what we are doing right now that have recently left. Krueger stated he is hiring 2-4 right now to take some pressure off staff. Liffriq questioned if that is a change than 2 months ago. Krueger stated. yes, that is a change. 60 days ago that was the plan. Things have changed and we need to help staff right now. Leadership team and the board members who met with Leadership agreed this is the right decision. MOTION by Owens, SECONDED by Axtman, we approve the 2022 WPRD Preliminary Budget. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Axtman, Liffriq, Larson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heller
- b. Renaissance Zone. City of Williston is asking support for them to turn in their application to the state to extend it for 5 years. The Renaissance Zone has helped build up the value of the downtown businesses. Krueger recommended that the board supports this project. MOTION by Owens, SECONDED by Axtman, we support the 5-year extension to the Renaissance Zone program. Motion carried.
- c. Additional 1% Sales Tax. Larson is suggesting tabling this discussion after talking to Krueger and the Leadership Team. Krueger agreed to table it and to look at other solutions at this time to help with WPRD finances. MOTION by Axtman, SECONDED by Owens, to table the pursuit of the additional 1% sales tax at this time and to work continue with the city leaders on a solution to survive the stress since the pandemic and sales tax decline. Motion carried.

MOTION by Axtman SECONDED by Owens the meeting adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED.

ATTEST: Mackenzie Blume, Director of Communications and Customer Service