

Williston Parks and Recreation Foundation

04/19/2023

12:00PM

Williston ARC Board Room

Minutes

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. In attendance Joe Barsh, Skye Olsen, Pace Bates, Karen Guglich, Justin Graham, Mackenzie Blume, Kelly Heller, Amanda Nelson, Brooklyn Douglas Rhonda Floyd.
- II. Additions and Deletions
 - a. Bubble project and the WPRD foundation involvement.
- III. Approval of Jan minutes- Justin motioned Pace second. MSC
- IV. Approval of Financial Statements- Motion approved by Karen, Second by Justin. Mackenzie went over the financial statement. We will be adding food at the golf courts in hopes of adding more income.
- V. WPRD Update-
 - a. Financial/program report- Continuing to see improvements monthly. \$500,000 up this year so far with operations and sales tax. We are \$200,000 more in sales tax than projected. 2.4 million dollars in total with cash fund and other accounts. Audit is complete, fiscal year \$200,000 less than we started due to paying city 1.4 million. Park board approved to open a second checking account for grant funds. Outdoor pool applied for the Garrison grant and got \$75,000. Addition of the third filed at Dakota Park, foundation is used as a pass through. Project is ongoing, with taking down trees down. Want to get done before end of summer. New hires Emily O'Rear as Public Relations and Marketing Specialist in place of Devyn Cox. Vince Gable was hired in parks. 34 employees. 1 position open AFS. Parks, ice is out of Raymond and busy there with shows. First middle school golf tournament this summer. Web trac was updated to add

golf track to help with registration and tee times. Golf course staffing is in great shape. The facility is very busy with reservations, events, track meets, and other programs. Guest services' numbers are up, and with summer months coming we expect numbers to slightly drop. There were 300 more visits this month in child sitting than this time last year. Aquatics we now have three new people that got certified to certify the community with CPR and life guarding. Recreation, Williston Wonders (sports for people with disabilities) the rec department has stepped in to take this program and may in the future ask the foundation for help with equipment. Ballin' tournament was great there were 89 teams and we utilized three facilities for the games. New cardio fitness equipment will be here April 25th.

VI. Requests- Justin motioned to approve Pace second.

- a. Fitness scholarship- \$949.50 to reimburse three trainers for certification renewals and a new fitness certification.

VII. Old Business

- a. Giving hearts day update. Park shade
 - i. We raised \$340.00, matching makes it \$680.00.- Next meeting we will have the shade selected, we will table for now what the foundation will give and instead of just matching may give more to help purchase the shade for the park.
 - ii. Will talk later in the fall to see if we go forward next year with the foundation.

VIII. New Business

- a. Bubble project and the WPRD foundation involvement- What is the legality of using the foundation to fund the bubble project, how can the foundation be used? This is different than a park or pool project because we do not have the land already. Joe will meet with the WPRD lawyer to investigate what the foundation can or cannot do with

this new project. Plans are at the very early stages. There are plans and outlines that show a rough draft of the multipurpose building. There is no set location currently. Justin has an idea of making a new committee within the foundation to help with funding, this is just an idea, and we will have more information in the next foundation meeting. WPRD cannot commit financial dollars to this project, it would be publicly funded. Plans that WPRD would operate once it is open. Thoughts that the bubble will be ran through the foundation so that it is not just for soccer or football it is for all. The foundation will be a central point.

- IX. Next Meeting
 - a. July 19th @ WPRD board room 12pm
- X. Adjourn- Motion by Justin second by Karen