

MONTHLY MEETING

February 18th 2025 - 5:30PM

Board Members: Seim, Fietek, Stromberg, Freeman, Irvine,

Bookkeeping- Amanda Pickar

Present : Seim, Praska, Stromberg, Freeman, Irvine, Fietek

Absent: NA

Community Guests: Bruce Heggen, Duane Berg, Arlen Simon, Lori and Cory Seim, Alli Olimb, Nancy and, Daryl Larson, Stefan Linstad, Patty Dahlen, Mike Helt, Jordan Hollingsworth, Ian Mydal, Larry Gaader, Char Myrdal, Waylon Lietz, Casey Wollangk, Cheri Lothespiech

Meet Called to Order by: Ashley Seim

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes 1. J. Fietek 2. Sara Freeman

Financials: 1- J. Fietek 2- J. Stromberg

OLD BUSINESS

Community Building Committee Update

Josh heard back from Foss with new renderings with downsized square footage and provided the committee with revised options. 1. Building with rink/locker rooms, without wellness center (no gym, track, fitness spaces), 2. Building with rink/locker rooms, 2 fitness rooms (no gym or track) and quotes on an indoor pool and outdoor pool.

Option 1: \$17,300,000 (rink and wellness rooms)

Option 2: \$13,500,000 (rink only)

Indoor Pool: \$8,390,000

4,200 SF POOL = \$1,890,000

BUILDING = \$6,500,000

Outdoor Pool: \$2,590,000

4,200 SF POOL = \$1,890,000

3,000 SF COLD BUILDING (NO HEAT) POOL HOUSE = \$700,000

Joe asked about the role the hockey boosters would play in terms of fundraising,

Sara asked whether the rink would be multi-purpose.

Misty explained how the rink in Grafton functions in that the park district manages the centennial center - the blue line club helps with funding - the hockey program is managed by the booster board. Joe asked about the involvement the boosters would have with regards to this expense because the park board wouldn't have the collateral needed for an expense that large.

Mike Helt stated that the options vetted to the hospital regarding the offices isn't an option. Lori stated she's been keeping up with the trends and opportunities. She provided an example that Altru tried to do, but ran into issues regarding billing. Lori stated a provider needs to be at the location for billing. She stated Altru has a different type of structure in terms of funding. FCHC is a rural hospital so the options are different.

Splash Pad Equipment Building

Bill of \$23,662.20 needs to be paid.

Misty has the check issued but wanted to know if she should mail it off or if it needs to be reissued through the front desk. Nancy/Amanda will pay the bill.

Lease Agreements:

Lease agreements have been an ongoing process - lawyers are still revising the contracts, but hope to have them ready before the next city council meeting. They are discussing insurance at the moment.

More conversations will take place once the contracts are finished. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss.

Pool:

Foss recommended Pool Consultants,

Harold Myrdal provided a name to Joe - Commercial Pool and Recreational Projects - Josh will reach out to this company. Dante thinks a new pool is the best option. Josh thinks these companies will be able to tell us what is going on with the system and give us advice on how to move forward.

Kids Fishing Derby

This sunday, 12:30PM 1-2PM Fishing

Donations - \$40 15 lures Running, 2 \$25 GC \$100 cash - Cenex Northdale- waiting for donation Nick Otto- waiting for purchase, Brenton Hell \$200/ help setup with this gear, \$100 Scheels

Hot Chocolate, S'mores, Hot Dogs, Chips, - Donations -

Ashley purchased 30 lures, 2 scoops, fishing rods
Bait still needed, Ashley pay purchase a pop up fish house
Cory suggested tackle boxes as door prize options.

NEW BUSINESS

Financials

City still waiting to hear from 701 Tax -Joe asks about accounts and asks Amanda to go through the accounts

- 4 accounts: Bank checking, pool savings, community complex and money market savings
 - \$14,000 in savings
- 0047 is the main account

Misty is waiting to hear about the overdrafts charges being withdrawn from the account. She talked to Laurie at FUB who contacted Steve and Chris. She is still waiting to hear from them.

Joe is concerned about the financials due to overdrafts and changes in processes. Joe thinks those doing bookkeeping should be the only ones to access the account; all purchases should be approved by the board.

Misty asks what Joe means regarding purchases - Nancy suggests a Procurement Policy be set up in order to purchase items under a certain dollar amount.

Ashley doesn't see an issue with more than one eye on the account. Dante agrees with this statement as well. Josh agrees.

Mike Helt states he is on several boards and board members do not have access to see the account. Sara asked how often the account should be looked at.

Motion to keep Ashley/Misty on the account for access to inquire 1. J. Stromberg 2. D. Irvine

Not in Favor: Joseph Fietek

Review for Park District Director

Joe stated Misty hasn't had a review since she started. Joe doesn't know how this has happened in the past and suggested a smaller board to provide an annual review. The board agrees on this to provide a 2 person committee.

Sara asked about setting goals.

Josh asks about how the city handles this. Nancy says this happens in December typically and raises take place Jan 1. Review in February - Ashley suggests. Joe/Josh will do the handling of the review. Sara asks if the city has a form to use - Nancy says yes.

Motion to create an Employee Relations committee composed of Josh Stromberg and Joseph Fietek 1. J. Fietek 2. D. Irvine

Hospital/Council Discussion

Joe asked this to be put on the agenda so that he can talk about the happenings as Joe and Ashley were the only ones present at the meeting. Joe was upset at the way this was handled and was concerned with comments that Kyle made in the meeting regarding a conversation had between he and Ashley - Joe stated that Kyle directly quoted Ashley regarding her care about the frisbee golf.

Waylon stated that the hospital will most definitely help with the moving of frisbee golf holes.

Joe is concerned about the integrity of the park being taken care of - full grown trees, the frisbee golf course as a whole. Ashley wants to make it very clear that her conversation only involved

answering questions that are public knowledge and will continue to talk with people as the president but never make a decision without coming to the board. Char asks to speak and wants to communicate that many people at FCHC have helped get votes for the sales tax increase, FCHC pledged money to the new building. She is upset that now the park board is acting poorly regarding this parking lot and their project. She states she hears that some regret their yes vote for the sales tax increase and do not want to donate money to the community center fund.

Cory states the council should never have voted the very first time and should have tabled the topic until questions were answered. He stated we (general) need to get behind the community building project to make it happen.

Committees

Joe wonders if there should be a financial board - Josh cannot commit to another sub committee as he is too busy - Sara says she would love to learn more about it. Joe says maybe with the new setup it isn't needed but figured he would suggest it. Dante understands the thought behind the board. It was decided to keep it open ended and touch base as we move forward

Conflict of Interest

Joe wanted this on the agenda as most of us serve on other boards and he wants to confirm that we are leading with the park district's best interests when sitting on other boards.

Ashley states she also sits on the baseball boosters and community complex board. She has made it clear that when she is sitting with the boosters and park board together, she is representing the park board first and foremost.

Josh agrees that he will work for the park board and represent it.

Financials

Ashley asks about the phone line. Misty states there wasn't a phone in the office when she started and has not been informed of a number or line. It was stated to discontinue the phone line - communication comes to Misty Praska's cell phone

Motion to Approve discontinuation of park district phone number 1. J.Fietek 2. J. Stromberg
Misty will reach out to Polar to discontinue the phone number

Nancy says the complex funds aren't earning any interest so Nancy said we should maybe put it in a CD - Ashley asks if you need the money how we go about that. There is a fee but it won't be a large amount. Topic tabled for now.

Motion to Approve Bills 1. J. Fietek 2. J. Stromberg

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jordan spoke and stated that the issues that have occurred with the park district, city and hospital have trickling effects on other entities within the city and he shared concerns with the lease agreements and joint powers contracts and questions how it may affect the Legionnaires as they have property on some of the land that is up for discussion within the lease agreements.

Joe and Ashley state they do not feel this will have an impact on the coliseum because they have their own lease for said land. Ashley stated she will inform Jordan and Chris Midgarden about when the lease agreement meeting will take place so they can stay informed on what is being discussed and decided.