

Devils Lake Park Board
MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
June 20, 2023

Present at this Regular Board Meeting were Commissioners Kale Stromme, Peter Jerome (By Phone), Mark Beighley, Lisa Uhlenkamp and Jamie Beck. Also present was Superintendent Josh Janzen, Office Manager Heather Brandvold, Parks & Facilities Manager Brent Schmitz, Golf Course Superintendent Andy Hokanson and Shane Weinmann, Rec Manager. Guests Present: Danny Mertens & Tom Stoe

Comm Beck called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm on June 20, 2023 at the Burdick Arena.

I. Minutes

Comm Uhlenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes from April 25, May 26 and June 5 as presented, seconded by Comm Beighley. All aye, motion carried.

II. Visitors-Danny Mertens-DLYA

Danny told the Board that he was here to address the proposal that DLYA gave to the Park Board. Danny went over the proposal and offered suggestions at having meat raffles during tournaments or bingo during special events. Comm Beck told Danny that the reason it was tabled was so they could send out a survey to members to get their opinion on the gaming and we just received the results this morning and haven't gotten a chance to go over them. Discussion was held. Comm Stromme asked Danny if there were rules regarding kids being in that area where the blackjack table would go. Danny told him there was, so they were going to put it in the Southwest corner so they are not able to go behind that area. Josh asked the Board if they were to get something in writing from DLYA stating that they will reimburse the Blue Line Club for the income they would lose would that help. They said it would help but the Board would still like to review the survey results before making any decisions.

III. Staff Reports

Andy Hokanson: Andy told the Board that he looked into leasing a mower through Toro but that is not an option as they don't have any new mowers so he talked to Chad Palmer as Western Finance to see about taking out a loan and making payments for the remainder of this year and paying the remainder after the first of the year so its in next year's budget. Discussion was held about getting proposals from other financial institutions. Andy told the Board that he is busy trying to keep the course hydrated. Josh told the Board that we need to look at getting Andy someone full-time to help him at the course. Andy told the Board that he looked up the company that made the granite hole markers and he believes they went out of business. Discussion was held about selling advertising on them and updating the hole markers and also updating the tee markers. Comm Beck asked about the putting green. Andy told him that they started on that today. Comm Stromme mentioned that some of the guys that play Men's League on Tuesday would like to see the course blocked off from 3:30 on so they can still golf another round after they finish their league match. Discussion was held. Andy also mentioned that they have been leveling out the dirt along the cart paths.

Brent Schmitz: Brent told the Board that the ice is on for summer ice and we had a small freon leak when we started up the compressor. Brent told the Board that Red River Refrigeration is going to come when we shut it down so that they can make sure its properly shut down and will look at having them do the start-up and shut down to eliminate some of the problems with that system. Brent told the Board that they are busy doing the normal maintenance of the parks and working on bleachers and picnic tables. Brent told the Board that we had two valves fail at the pool which caused the pool to be shut down. Brent told the Board that they are still waiting on some parts to come in but managed to rig it up so that we could continue to backwash. Comm Uhlenkamp mentioned that she heard one of the pool heaters went out last night. Brent will check with them. Brent told the Board that the Fishing Pier has been repaired and is in at Lakewood. Brent told the Board that there was about \$4,700 in vandalism done to Roosevelt bathrooms and the Bill Jerome Arena the week of Devils Run. Brent told the Board that they started taking out the glass at the Burdick Outdoor Rink and if they decide to take down the Boards then he may be able to use some of the pieces to repair the Ruger Outdoor Rink. Discussion was held. Brent told the Board that the Baseball Field is being leveled right now and will be seeded once it's finished up and then the fencing will be done. Brent also mentioned that they have to take care of

some pipes in the Baseball Field Bathrooms that have broken inside the wall. Brent also mentioned some items that he would like to see as part of the long-range plan.

Josh Janzen-Josh told the Board that he helped out with Devils Run and had a fun time with that. Summer programs are up and running and he is happy with how most programs are going. Josh told the Board that things with baseball are a little sloppy so he is working to get that corrected. Josh told the Board that he attended the Kiwanis and Rotary meeting to give updates on Park District happenings. Josh also mentioned that we might need to add a gate to the culvert that leads to the fishing pond as fish might be swimming upstream. Comm Stromme told Josh that someone mentioned that the baseball coaches are not putting their equipment away at the end of the day. Josh said he will address it. Comm Stromme also mentioned putting up some signage at the Fishing Pier that tells people where all the fishing piers are on the lake and also make a Facebook post stating that this is a trial year for our pond and hopefully all the kinks will be worked out by next summer.

IV. Bills

Comm Stromme made a motion to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Comm Beighley. Discussion was held. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried.

V. Treasurer's Report

Heather told the Board that we haven't started the audit yet as we wanted to wait until we got through May and the first part of June. Heather also told the Board that they closed on the note for the \$2 million bond for the FEC. Discussion was held.

VI. Old Business

A. Bill Jerome Arena Update

Josh told the Board that we received the report from Jay Kleven this morning and he went over some of the key items that need to be addressed. Josh also told the Board that he got a quote to insulate the Bill Jerome and that would be about \$82,500 and if you insulate that you have to paint with fireproof paint which would be about \$40,000. Comm Stromme mentioned that Jamie Leever is willing to put \$100,000 into updating the Bill Jerome. Discussion was held. Josh will meet with Jamie and get some prices for some of the updates that need to be done.

B. FEC Update

Comm Stromme told the Board that construction will begin July 5th. Comm Beck asked if some signage could be put up before winter so people are aware that the facility is coming. Comm Stromme said he will check with JLG.

C. Baseball Field Project

Josh told the Board that they are leveling the dirt and then seeding will begin followed by installing of the fencing. Discussion was held regarding the area behind the backstop.

VII. New Business

A. Security Cameras/Electronic Locks

Comm Beck felt that we should get quotes for adding electronic locks to all of our facilities. Josh told the Board that we may also want to add some more cameras throughout the district. Josh will get quotes for both cameras and electronic locks.

B. Zamboni

Comm Stromme told the Board that he visited with some businesses about advertising on a new Zamboni. Comm Stromme felt that if we could get a couple businesses to commit to \$30,000/side and get the Blue Line Club to commit \$20,000 and possibly the college to commit \$20,000 and we contribute \$20,000 we could move forward with purchasing a new Zamboni. Discussion was held. Comm Stromme made a motion to purchase a new Zamboni through Sourcewell contingent upon funding, seconded by Comm Uhlenkamp. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried.

C. Burdick Outdoor Rink

Comm Beck stated that the rink is an eye sore. Josh told the Board that all the glass has been taken out and they are looking at taking out the Boards. Brent told the Board that some of the Boards are so bent and the frames

are so twisted that they cannot be repaired. Brent stated that if the Boards are taken out something will need to be put around it so people can't drive their cars on it.

D. Swimming Pool Assessment

Josh told the Board that AES2 (Jay Kleven) would be able to do an assessment on the pool. Comm Beck told Josh to get a price for doing the assessment and for the full report.

VIII. Commissioner Portfolios

Comm Beighley: Comm Beighley asked if there is a mouse problem in the kitchen at the golf course. Shane told him there was. Josh will have Ecolab get out there ASAP.

Comm Uhlenkamp: Comm Uhlenkamp told the Board that Isabelle from the Pool told her that when you google the pool hours, they are wrong. Comm Beck stated that anyone can go in and update information on google.

Comm Uhlenkamp is going to update the hours.

Comm Jerome: Comm Jerome told the Board that Blake Watt looked at the patio furniture at the Clubhouse and said it is irreparable. Comm Jerome suggested we just clean them up and paint them for this year and put it in next years budget.

Comm Stromme: Comm Stromme mentioned that the Park looked great over Devils Run and the maintenance staff was very helpful. Comm Stromme also complimented Andy and his staff on how good the course looks.

Comm Beck: No Report.

The next regular board meeting was set for July 18th at the Clubhouse at 12:00pm.

Comm Uhlenkamp made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Comm Beighley. Comm Beck adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Commissioner

Recording Clerk