

NELSON COUNTY PARK BOARD MINUTES
July 6, 2017 - 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maynard Loibl. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Commissioners Fougner, Klefstad, Marquart, Ellertson and Park Board members Houdek and Schindele.

Also present were Dwight Elfman and Jim Hatlestad.

Moved by Park Board member Houdek and seconded by Park Board member Schindele to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2017 meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Dwight discussed the progress of the new bathrooms in the pavilion. All that is left is putting in the dividers in the men's bathroom. The bathrooms and kitchen are working out great. Water pressure is low in the bathrooms but it is normal for this time of year because of the high usage.

Dwight and Jim have been doing a lot of watering on the ball diamond. The grass is starting to show improvement but it has a long way to go. Dwight also discussed how well the Polka Fest went this year. The attendance was up by about 200 from last year.

Elvin Johnson joined the meeting.

Dwight talked with Dawn Keeley from the Red River Regional Council prior to the Job Development meeting at the park café and they like what we have done at the park, especially the Bank Stabilization project. That helped to put Stump Lake at the top of the priority list for grants. There was a discussion about painting the pavilion. Dwight will check into getting bids for painting the pavilion.

Dwight discussed the netting by Game & Fish. There were four general areas they put nets with 11 nets per area. On average, there was 20 fish per net. Game & Fish has put approximately 500,000 fingerlings of walleyes in the lake so far this year. The most common catch in the nets were 20" walleyes. Last years' fingerlings are already about 6 - 7" long. The Tolna bay area had more perch and pike.

Dwight reported the success and good turnout for the 4th of July holiday. Also discussed was the bill for the fireworks. The total bill was higher this year than in previous years. Dwight suggested that we have more speed bumps to control the speed of the traffic for next years' 4th of July holiday. They would be removed after the holiday.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to only pay \$1000.00 of the \$2000.00 invoice on this year's fireworks. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Dwight purchased a new refrigerator for the café. The old refrigerator went to the kitchen in the pavilion because it doesn't work with the new GFI plugs and was tripping the breakers. There was a discussion about taking a full inventory of the equipment at the park to make sure everything is up to date. Serial numbers would be very helpful in identifying each piece of equipment.

Anthony Herman joined the meeting.

Elvin Johnson reported that tree saltcedar was found in Ramsey County. It usually grows near water and takes the salt out of the ground which prevents anything else to grow.

There was a discussion about the hours the bar and café are open. On nights that there is a dance down at the pavilion there will be a bar set up at the pavilion and the bar at the café will be closed.

Steven Simmers from Grand Forks discussed his interest in running the bait shop. He inquired about what the procedure would be to get if started. After a discussion it was decided that Mr. Simmers would do a proposal of what he wants to do at the bait shop and present it to the Park Board at a later date.

Anthony discussed that pavilion road is in the scope of the chip seal that was talked about earlier. It would cost about \$30,000.00 to do the chip seal. It should be done in the first 1 - 3 years after the road is paved. The Park Board decided to wait until next year or later because it was just completed this summer.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to pay the park bills as listed: Boote Septic Solutions - \$875.00 Dakota TV & Appliance - \$1060.00; Farmers Union Lumberyard - \$93.33; ND Telephone Co. - \$64.69; Nodak Electric Cooperative - \$4150.00; Tolna Plumbing - \$3036.46; Tri-County Water District - \$973.31. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sheila Fisk, Secretary

Maynard Loibl, Chairman