

Morton County Park Board Meeting Agenda

October 27, 2015

Commission Room, Morton County Courthouse

210 2nd Ave NW, Mandan ND

4:00 PM

Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes of previous meetings

Approve monthly bills & payroll – Graner

1. NDRPA State Convention
2. Memorial Projects
3. Dock & Trees
4. Park updates

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MORTON COUNTY PARK BOARD MEETING

September 22, 2015

The Morton County Park Board Meeting was called to order on September 22, 2015, at 4:00 PM by Chairman Wetsch at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Members Schulz, Griffin, Geiger, Goetzfried, Zachmeier, Graner, Deputy Auditor Eckroth, and Park Director Nilsen.

Geiger moved Goetzfried seconded to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

Goetzfried moved and Graner seconded to approve the minutes with a correction of the August 25, 2015 minutes. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Griffin seconded to approve bills and payroll. All voting aye, motion carried.

Schulz arrives at 4:20pm.

Goetzfried moved and Zachmeier seconded to approve the Park Director to proceed with the design and layout of Entzel Acres Park. All voting aye, motion carried

Schultz moved and Griffin seconded to approve the Park Director to pursue a grant application for the Recreational Trails Program Grant to fund the Entzel Acres Park. All voting aye, motion carried.

Geiger moved and Goetzfried seconded to adjourn at 4:50 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

Notes for October 27, 2015 meeting

1. NDRPA State Convention. This was the most interesting convention that I have attended. I took in a course on tree selection, selecting the planting site, and pruning. I met Sam DeMarais who is the Park Forester for the Fargo Park District. Sam is a good resource for us to use, he has a lot of knowledge and expertise in the area of trees and tree issues. I visited with him and feel that he is more than willing to help us out with just about any issue we would have dealing with trees. Other sessions I got into dealt with park violence, how to handle the situation, and how to prevent park employees from getting into a violent situation. Most of these ideas we are already implementing.
2. We have two people that would like to have a memorial project started for next spring; one would be at Harmon Lake, the other at Graner Park. I have sent in the permission letter to the USACE. I will bring the Harmon Lake Memorial up to the Water Board. I feel that both of these will be a plus to both Parks.
3. At the last meeting of the Bis-Man Reel & Rec club there was talk of buying several 10-15 foot trees for Graner Park as well as talking with G&F to partner in purchasing a floating fishing pier for Graner Park.
4. Park Up Dates;
 1. The rip-rap project has been completed. We have leveled out the dirt, cleaned out all of the debris and planted grass seed. This project turned out extremely nice, with the slope used, access to shoreline fishing will be much easier. I will be getting the paper work finished in the very near future.
 2. The Harmon Lake Expansion should be complete by the time of the meeting. The electrician is doing the final touches as I am writing. The two group pads and ten individual pads will be a big addition to the campground. In my opinion this project turned out really nice. Here too I will have the paper work to finish in the near future.
 3. We are having all the dump stations, fish cleaning stations, and vault toilets pumped. With all the trash that is in the vaults we have to dump this in the Bismarck land fill. This will be an extra added cost, but we have no choice. I suggest that we pump these out on a yearly schedule, find a land owner to let us dump the waste on their property and clean up the garbage we the dumping is done. This would have been really difficult the time because of the extreme amount of trash.
 4. The Water Board has purchased 28 container trees; we have planted the trees and watered them twice. We will continue to water them till freeze up. The trees are 3 Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple, 3 Sienna Glen Maple, 3 Deborah Maple, 2 Northern Acclaim Honey Locust, 2 Greenspire Linden, 3 Valley Forge Elm, 8 Quaking Aspen, and 4 Common Hackberry. This should be a good variety of trees and make for a great addition to Harmon Lake Campground. All these trees were purchased at a half-price sale.
 5. The season is winding down at a rapid pace; our crew has winterized all the water systems and is the process of hauling the picnic tables to their winter locations. The electricity will be turned off on the 9th of November. The Campground receipts for the season so far are Harmon Lake \$32,127.75, Fort Rice Campground \$4,637 and Graner Park \$79,077 for a total of \$115,841.75, I don't think that there will be much change in these numbers any more this season.