

RECREATION BOARD

April 10, 2025

MINUTES:

A meeting of the Recreation Board of the City of Milford, Nebraska was held at City Hall on the 10th day of April 2025 at 7:00 pm. Present were: Danae Plessel, Ryan Meints, Jessica Mathis, Marci DeLong and Council liaison Dainton Parks. Absent: Cami Erb, Chlancey Dittmer and Katie Sparks. Also present: Tony DeLong, Gary Teselle and Dan Schweitzer.

Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the members of the Recreation Board. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members of the meeting. All proceedings herein after shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Open Meeting Act Requirement: Parks noted the Open Meeting Act is available on the west wall of the meeting room.

Approve Minutes: February 24, 2025:

A motion was made by Mathis and seconded by Meints to approve the February 24, 2025 minutes. Roll Call vote: Mathis yes, Meints yes, DeLong yes, Plessel yes. Absent: Erb, Sparks and Dittmer. Motion carried.

Update from Rec Coordinator Amanda Hromek: Discussion: Field 1 home plate needs replaced. Do the benches need painted? Check tarps for shelters, chain-link fence. Community person walked ditches to pick up trash. Clean Cement/wash or sweep maybe leave blow? Maeli – starts May can line fields & make sure restrooms are clean. She can help the maintenance department in the mornings in the summer & can help with concessions. Amanda will need to let Gary know what supplies are needed for the clean-up day.

Consider use of Welch Park field for Legion Team: Discussion: Dan S. presented the work the legion has done in 2024. Legion pays for umps, try to keep prices low so all kids can play. Express pays rent for tournaments. They bring their own food but sell the city pop. On Wednesday nights they work concessions and all funds come back to the City. The Legion post contributes \$1,200.00 per year for the team to play. Last year in donations only by players helping the community with projects raised \$18,400.00 but they spent \$18,200.00.

They will have 11 home games with the current cost to rent the field with the lights would be about \$60.00 per night so a total of \$660.00 for the season. Danae suggested they only pay \$20.00 per night for the use of the lights. Ryan and Jessica said they did not think they should pay anything for the 2025 season. Jeanne said the betterment fund approved \$48,000.00 but then had to pay \$1,000.00 more for the trenching.

A motion was made by Meints and seconded by Plessel to waive the fee for the 2025 season. The Legion will work the concessions on June 7th, 12:30-8:00pm. The board will revisit the Legion using the ball field next year. Roll Call vote: Meints yes, Plessel yes, DeLong yes, Mathis yes, Absent: Erb, Dittmer and Sparks. Motion carried.

Consider quote to install carpet at batting cage: Discussion: Need to use better glue and a carpet roller. Dainton received a quote from Beau Kinnett via text in the amount of \$900.00 to install the carpet. The Legion agreed to pay for the installation. Dan will contact Beau to schedule the installation.

A motion was made by DeLong and seconded by Plessel to have Beau Kinnett install the carpet in the batting cage with the Legion paying for the invoice in full. Roll Call vote: DeLong yes, Plessel yes, Meints yes, Mathis yes, Absent: Erb, Dittmer and Sparks. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Jeanne talked about the budget. The board needs to pay closer attention to the budget for 2026. 2023-2024 the Rec Department budgeted \$11,000.00 for equipment but spent \$16,000.00. Repair and Maintenance was over by \$3,900.00 and Salaries was over by \$3,300.00. Operating expense line would be for field work, paint and supplies.

The board would like to continue with fundraising but want to look at the price to play for the 2026 season.

Next meeting will be scheduled in May to go over the Fundraiser and Budget.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Plessel and seconded by Meints. Roll call vote: Plessel yes, Meints yes, DeLong yes, Mathis yes. Absent: Erb Dittmer and Sparks. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 pm.