

GRAFTON PARKS AND RECREATION

Ball Diamond Boosters working on shade shelters

Pool scheduled to open June 1

BY TODD MORGAN

Ball Diamond Boosters Association (BDBA) received permission from the park board last Wednesday, May 13, to apply for a grant to provide shade shelters at park district facilities where baseball/softball are played.

Jesse Forster, representing the BDBA, informed the board the grant is through the American Academy of Dermatology and they will need an accredited dermatologist to sign off on the it. "The grant will provide up to \$8,000 in shade facilities, but it has to be run through parks and recreation," he said. "Eventually, we would like to see them at all the facilities."

If awarded the money, the shade shelter would more than likely either be at Eighth Street diamond or the sports complex near the high school. Forster said the boosters would like to work in cooperation with the park board if they received the grant as to what type of shelter and where to put the structure.

The park board was receptive to Forster's information and unanimously approved the BDBA's writing of the grant. The motion to support the effort was made by Scott Hills and seconded by Jon Jelinek. Absent was Cory Burns.

According to Forster if the grant was accepted the shade structure would be built over the winter. The grant period opens in October and runs through December. The plan going forward in the future, he said, would be to apply every year and have it be an ongoing project.

Recreation report

Recreation manager Gabbi Holand informed the board that the summer programs currently open on the website are filled up, which at this time involves swimming lessons and golf lessons except for Intro to Gymnastics

and Gymnastics I camp. Gymnastics programming, she added, just opened up last week.

There are programs for golf and swimming lessons that begin later in the summer that haven't opened yet for those who might have been later registering for the earlier session, she said.

As is the same every summer, everyone involved with Grafton Parks and Recreation (GPR) is hoping all goes well when it comes time to fill the pool. According to GPR Director Bill Dahl, it's not until they start filtering water that they can tell if the pool will function for the season. The plan is to open the pool June 1.

"There's no way to tell until we start filtering the water, and the only way we can do that is to fill the pool with water," he said. "The big determining factor with that is getting the pressure high enough to pump water through the system."

Dahl said the optimum number is to have 500 to 600 gallons of water pumped through the system. Last year that number was 250 gallons per minute.

"If we can get to that level again this year, we are good to go," he said. "We won't really know until then if we can open the pool."

Holand said the number of lifeguards coming into the summer is high. Last year, she said, saw the largest number of lifeguards the park district had in her tenure and this year with 19 lifeguards it is the highest ever.

Next week, 11 lifeguards will be participating in recertification. Those who are returning from last year, and in another week eight new lifeguards will receive their certification.

Holand said the only thing she doesn't have a coach for yet in regard to summer programming is pickleball, but

she said that doesn't start until August so there is still time to find someone interested in filling the position.

Other business:

- Cabin 9 is all but finished up at Leistikow Park and has passed inspection by the state. The park board through its budget has approved a 10th cabin. This one will be the last as the space for cabins has been taken up. Dahl is expecting an August delivery date for this last one.

- Dahl reported a water main break in the campground. The city came and fixed it and flushed the line as a lot of gravel infiltrated the pipe. Everything is good and up and running now, he said.

- The BDBA partnered with the park board for a scoreboard and the wiring for it the south diamond of the sports complex near the school. The boosters have already paid for the scoreboard and the park district is going to pay for the installation toward powering it up.

- Park board chairperson Kristi Olson discussed forming a committee to help with fundraising for the pool, something similar to what Elmwood does. In the future the committee could help organize a fundraiser for continued operation of the pool.

- Dahl and Kristi Wilfahrt, who has been helping the pool with the fundraiser, met with the community foundation in hopes of securing a grant for the pool project.

- Wilfahrt informed the board that the park district didn't receive the destination grant. There were 103 applicants. She did say they were successful in securing some money from Grafton Economic Development Committee, which included \$50 this year and \$25,000 for the next nine years, if the park district can secure \$1 million in donations and/or pledges



Photo by Todd Morgan

Semi ditched

An accident last Thursday, May 14, at the intersection of Walsh County Road No. 15 east of Pisek and State Highway 18 in Walsh County sent a driver of an SUV to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks due to injuries suffered in the crash. According to unofficial reports, the accident occurred late in the morning, but before noon when the driver of the eastbound SUV disregarded the stop sign and was struck by the southbound semi. The semi ended up in the west ditch.

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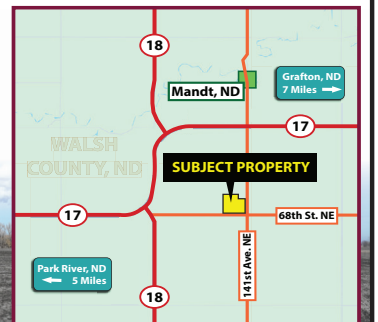
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