

Hettinger Park Board works on summer plans

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The Hettinger Park District met for their regular monthly meeting on Wed., March 11th with members Ryan Sott, Torrey Pekas and Kane Melling present.

February 11th minutes, the agenda and the financial statement were approved.

Jon Kohler came before the board to visit about several matters. He felt himself, Jason LeFebre and one other person is all that would be needed for park maintenance this year. He informed the board Mr.

LeFebre and himself do not wish to be recreation directors this summer.

He requested the purchase of a rear discharge mower. Kohler and the board will look into quotes for a machine.

Kohler will set out the garbage cans and start preparations for the season as high school baseball starts next week. He also stated the need for more garbage can lids.

Discussion was held on the ability to spray weeds in the parks and campground and the need to clean up old equipment and item in the maintenance shed.

Sott invited someone to come in and look into options. He did the baseball field and rodeo ground lights in Bowman, so has some insight on needs.

Pekas moved to approve the agreement with ND Game and Fish for the replacement of a new fishing pier for Mirror Lake. A new dock will be brought to Hettinger to replace the broken fishing pier at a shared cost of 75-25% between the Hettinger Park District and ND Game and Fish. The district's share will be \$7,500.00

Discussion was held on what projects could

be candidates for the Southwest Regional Sales Tax Grant through the City of Dickinson. It was decided some of the projects should be updates at the campground and a new maintenance/storage shed. The motion to apply for this grant passed unanimously.

The Granary is needing updating of flooring and kitchen is beginning to see it's better days. In the discussion it was decided to invite Loren Luckow to the next meeting to see if they can get a better handle on what is needed.

No updates were given at this time on the baseball batting cage. Brad Guthrie will be contacted which may

require a special meeting. No one was present for the public comment period.

It was a unanimous approval to hire Jon Kohler at \$24/ hour as head maintenance and Jason LeFebre at \$22/ hour to the maintenance department. Other applications were reviewed from Callie Timm and Katie Buckmier. Again, by unanimous vote the board approved hiring Callie Timm at \$1,600 and Katie Buckmier at \$1,200 for the season.

The next meeting date was set for April 8, 2026, at 5 pm.

The bills were approved to be paid and the meeting was adjourned.

Boys' basketball

DECEMBER
16-20 Bow. County Tourn A vs. Richardton-Taylor vs. Harding County **L 54-64**
L 39-52

JANUARY
2 Billings County **L 40-63**
3 Faith A/B **W 64-59**
6 Lemmon A/B/C (Home) **W 59-48**
9 Bowman County A/B/C (S) **L 37-58**
16 Beach A/B/C Away **W 53-46**
20 Rich./Taylor A/B/C **L 44-70**
24 Divide County A/B **L 56-59**
30 South Heart A/B/C **L 35-64**

FEBRUARY
3 GCMR A/B **L 39-63**
5 GU/Hebron A/B **L 51-56**
7 Trenton A/B **L 44-73**
9 New England A/B/C **L 53-60**
10 Washburn **L 31-66**
13 Harding County A/B (S) **W 59-51**
19 Flasher A/B/C **L 46-62**
21 District Play-In Game Beach **L 51-54**

27 District 7 Tourn. (Dickinson)
MARCH
2-3 District 7 Tourn. (Dickinson)
9-12 Region 4 Tourn. (Killdeer)
14 State Qualifiers
19-21 State Tournament (Minot)

Boy's baseball

APRIL
7 Hazen @ Mirror Lake Ball Park (MLBP) 4:00
9 Shiloh Christian at MLBP 4:00
14 Wash/Wilton/Ctr-Stanton (Away) 4:00
16 Belfield (Away) 6:00
21 Beulah at MLBP 4:00
23 Hazen (Away) 4:00
28 Shiloh Christian (Dwyer Field-Shiloh) 4:00
30 Wash/Wilton/Ctr-Stanton at MLBP 3:30

MAY
5 Heart River at MLBP 4:00
7 Beulah (Away) 3:30
18-21 Hazen (Away) TBD
28-30 2026 NDHSAA Class B Baseball State Tournament Jack Brown Stadium 10:30

Boy's golf

JUNE
2-3 2026 NDHSAA Class B Boy's Golf State Tournament Cross Roads Golf Course 8:00

Boy's & Girl's Track & Field

MARCH
24 Bowman V (Away) 2:00
30 Bowman JH (Away) 2:00
31 Bowman V (Away) 2:00

APRIL
7 Bowman JH (Away) 2:00
13 Bowman JH (Away) 2:00
14 Bowman V (Away) 2:00
17 Lemmon JH (Away) TBD
20 Beach JH (Away) 1:30
23 Bowman V (Away) 12:00
27 Hazen JH (Away) 1:00
28 Dickinson Trinity at Biesiot Act Ctr 12:00

MAY
4 Dickinson Trinity at Biesiot Act Ctr 12:00
5 Beach V (Away) 1:00
12 Beach V (Away) 10:00
21-23 2026 NDHSAA Class B Girl's and Boy's Track & Field State Tournament Bismarck Community Bowl 2:00

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Airmen were nominated for the awards based on their military and community service throughout 2025. "To our nominees and our award winners--congratulations," said U.S. Air Force Col. Christopher Domitrovich 119th Wing commander. "You represent the very best of the 119th Wing. You are the embodiment of what we proudly call the Hooligan Way."

The three Outstanding Airmen of the Year winners are Outstanding Airman of the Year – Senior Airman Amaya Nauertz, Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Year – Tech. Sgt. Hunter Evanson, Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year – Senior Master Sgt. Sam Dibble.

In addition to the Airmen of the Year, Senior Master Sgt. Joe Solberg was named First Sergeant of the Year, the Company Grade Officer of the Year was awarded to Capt. Justin Mattson. Mattson, the Field Grade Officer of the Year was awarded to Maj Jordan Wobbema.

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