

## **OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY MEMORIAL PARK BOARD MEETING-April 20, 2021**

Park Board Chairman Lee Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. at Memorial Park. Members present were Bob Flath, Bruce Klein, Jason Weigel, Sonya Albertson, Billi Warcken, Curwood Seefeldt, Park Manager- Kevin Shockman, Auditor-Jan Hamlin, Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle, and William Carroll with the LaMoure American Legion.

Chairman Miller asked for any additions to the agenda. The additions were auditorium, interviews, AED, Museum Board request, and new gates. Mr. Klein made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Ms. Warcken. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Carroll said that the LaMoure American Legion would like to take over the memorial area at the park. They would like to add two extra flag poles, one will be the state flag and the other the MIA-POW flag. They would also like power to add a light to shine on the American flag already there. They will clean up and maintain the shrubs and area around the memorial. They want the area to be respectful and attractive. Mr. Seefeldt made a motion to have the LaMoure American Legion in charge of installing two flag poles, installing a light to shine on the American flag, cleaning up any necessary grounds around the memorial, and aid in maintenance in that area, seconded by Mr. Flath. All voting aye. Motion carried.

The park opening date has been set for May 14<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. The seasonal campers can park their camper starting May 10<sup>th</sup> but will not have electricity or water until May 14<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting, and as long as their \$800 seasonal fee has been paid. The Board set the seasonal limit at 32 sites. There are twelve on the waiting list for a seasonal site. There are 30 to 36 weekend camper sites.

New signage at the entrance was discussed. The board would like to see one sign with all the park information instead of the many signs currently there. Ms. Warcken will check with Newman Signs in Jamestown for pricing.

The playground equipment has been ordered and can be delivered any time after April 29<sup>th</sup>. There was a suggestion to add a handicap swing to the existing swing set since there is a spot for it. The cost from Dakota Play Ground was \$946. Mr. Seefeldt made a motion to let Ms. Albertson order the handicap swing, seconded by Mr. Klein. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Kevin Shockman, Park Manager, informed the Board that there were two applicants for the 20-hour per week open position. Craig Bierman will be returning this summer and working 18-20 hours per week. Weston Klein will also be returning this summer and working 28-30 hours per week. Mr. Flath made a motion to offer the new summer help \$11.50 per hour, seconded by Mr. Weigel. All voting aye. Motion carried. The two returning employees will receive a 50-cent raise.

Ms. Albertson got an estimate for the campground bath house project. The estimate from Builders Mart for a 28x28 building would be approximately \$70,000 for the basic structure. The estimate from Dakota Valley Services for fixtures, handicap accessible showers, water heater and tank, and the plumbing was around \$26,372 putting total price of the project at around \$100,000. Mr. Klein and Mr. Shockman will contact the colony for an estimate on a concrete sectional building.

Mr. Shockman plans to run the new well four to five days and take a test up to Bismarck to check the arsenic levels. At the end of last season, the old well test was good.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, has submitted the application for the Storm Shelter for Memorial Park but the project will not be completed until next year.

A wedding party is coming into the park on September 18<sup>th</sup> with a 140X40 tent for a reception and dance. They expect 300 guests. The Board wants the tent placed by the auditorium for this

event. Mr. Seefeldt made a motion to charge \$100 for the special occasion as long as the kitchen power is sufficient and does not need any additional work, seconded by Mr. Flath. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Shockman reported Z's Trees out of Gackle have done some tree trimming and removing at the seasonal campground area for safety. Kevin has 40 trees on order for this year to start replacing the ones that will need to be taken down.

Mr. Shockman reported that the camping policy will need some updating. The seasonal pricing has changed and the seasonal site numbers have changed. The Auditor's Office will make the changes and email out the updated version of the policy to the Board and State's Attorney for review and approval. Mr. Shockman will also draft a letter for the seasonal campers. The Auditor's will type the letter and email to the Board and State's Attorney for review and approval.

Mr. Weigel did a great job on researching and pricing 4-wheelers for the park. Mr. Weigel had several options for the Board to consider. Mr. Klein made a motion to purchase the 2021 Yamaha for approximately \$6,200, seconded by Mr. Seefeldt. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Flath gave a report on the auditorium. The foundation is in bad shape. Flath worked with a contractor to see what would be the best option. The contractor said the best option would be to have a house mover lift the building, which would be approximately \$50,000, and the foundation be replaced, which would be approximately \$100,000. It would take two months to do the project. The board agreed to wait on the project.

The Sheriff's Department has an extra AED they would be willing to let the park use. It could be put by the bathrooms. A security system should be on the AED. DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins is willing to apply for a grant for security cameras for the park. The deadline to apply is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Seefeldt made a motion to have Kimberly apply for the grant for the security cameras, seconded by Mr. Klein. All voting aye. Motion carried. Mr. Klein will work with Ms. Robbins.

Ms. Albertson reported that the Museum Board wants to clean the basement in the museum. They have a lot of stuff they need to move to get it cleaned. They want to know if they can use one of the cabins for one to two weeks. The board said that would be fine.

There was discussion on new gates for the front entrance. No decisions were made.

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2021

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LEE MILLER, Chairman

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JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor