

HALL OF FAME



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WILLISTON

2016

Larry Grondahl was the 21st individual elected to the NDPRA Hall of Fame. Grondahl has been a member of NDPRA since 1980, serving as both membership chair (1984-1986) and president (1988-1989).

Grondahl received his bachelor's degree in recreation and leisure studies from the University of North Dakota in 1980 and began his full-time career in 1981 as a recreation programs manager in Williston. He returned to the area in 1988 to embark on a career of service and sales of park and playground equipment. Grondahl has been a member of the National Recreation and Park Association for more than 20 years and is a Certified Playground Safety Inspector.

Grondahl was elected five times to the Williston Park Board (1990-2002, 2004-2012) as a park board commissioner, including the position of president. He was instrumental in the creation of the Williston Area Recreation Center, as well as led numerous fundraising drives to improve parks in the area. In 2002, Grondahl Field was named for him and his late wife, Char, after he spearheaded its development.

Through the years, other organizations has benefitted from Grondahl's involvement, including the Williston Boys Baseball Committee, North Dakota Babe Ruth Baseball, North Dakota Officials Association, Williston State College Foundation Board and Booster Club, and Williston Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Among the other awards Grondahl has earned are the Babe Ruth World Series Committee North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame (2003), North Dakota Babe Ruth Hall of Fame (2004), Western Star Award-Williston (2011), North Dakota Officials Association Active Official of the Year, and Babe Ruth League's Lefty Gomez Volunteer of the Year (2016).

All NDRPA Hall of Fame members are recognized with plaques at the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame in the Jamestown Civic Center.

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