

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

April 3, 2019

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

Members Present: Kyle Gulke, Joan Tabor, Brian Artac, Dave Sukow, Kate Baker, Jean Ravn and Dan Novitch.

Members Excused Absent:

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Ron Liberty, Mayor Derek Woellner, Judy Sukow, Bradly Gulke and MP3:

***Motion by Baker, seconded by Ravn to approve the minutes from the March meeting.

***Carried unanimously.

***Motion by Ravn, seconded by Baker, to approve the claims from March.

Sukow questioned how much the lights costed at Athletic Park stating the paper had a number in there that didn't sound correct. Wendorf stated that there was a \$45,000 grant through Baseball Tomorrow Fund and a \$5,000 grant through WPS Foundation. Wendorf stated that there is LED lights that were put in and the cost on savings will make up for the cost of the project. Novitch questioned how old the poles were that were in there. Wendorf stated 50 plus years old. Artac stated the cost to Cesa 9 was for the help in writing the grant. Artac stated that it was a mis quote on how many night games are played at Athletic Park, Ravn stated that all the money used to purchase the Easter candy was through donations.

***Carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Ron Liberty from the Merrill Lions Club stated that they will still have the BBQ Chicken Dinner and the duck races on August 8 at Stange Park.

Bradley Gulke, 1504 Jackson Street, stated that the Disc Golf courses at Kitchenette Park and Stange Park are in need of putting the poles in with a concrete base so they are a little more stable. Gulke stated that they are planning on running some tournaments this summer and would like to have the courses expanded. Gulke stated the last event they had they raised some money for the food pantry.

The next item on the agenda was to elect Chairperson/Vice Chairperson. Wendorf stated that they will need someone to make a nomination for a Chairperson. Gulke stated that he would like to nominate Artac, stating that he has been doing a good job. Artac stated that he did not want to be Chairperson.

***Sukow made a motion, seconded by Baker, to nominate Novitch for Chairperson for the Park and Recreation Commission.

***Carried unanimously.

***Gulke made a motion, seconded by Tabor, to nominate Artac for Vice Chairperson for the Park and Recreation Commission.

***Carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review/approve the bids for Smith Center Dehumidifiers. Wendorf stated they received one bid from Mechanical Inc. for \$52,900.00. Wendorf stated that the bid was well under budget and that one bid was not out of the ordinary because they are specialized pieces of equipment.

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Novitch, to approve the bid from Mechanical Inc. for \$52,900.00.

***Carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was continued discussion on 2020 Capital & Operating Budgets. Wendorf stated that he enclosed a copy of the some the ideas from the 5 Year Plan from the Park and Recreation Department. Gulke questioned who was responsible for the canoe portage on the RBT. Wendorf stated that WPS is so any repairs would need to be done by them. Baker would like to see the lines repainted at Ott's Park Tennis Courts for Pickle Ball. Wendorf stated that they repaint them every two years, so they will be painted this year. Wendorf stated that if anyone ever has any questions or ideas to please call him.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if anyone had any questions. Novitch questioned if Oak wilt is in Lincoln County yet. Wendorf stated it was not in our area. Ravn stated that the date for the History Hunt was misquoted in the monthly report. The History Hunt is April 27th. Wendorf also stated that the dog show is this weekend at the Smith Center.

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Ravn to approve the monthly board report given by Wendorf.

***Carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. at the Smith Center,

Public comment: none

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Baker to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

***Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith
Recording Secretary