

**CITY OF MERRILL
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 4:15 PM**

I. Call to Order Dan Novitch called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting

- 1. 2024-03-07** - Ravn motioned to approve minutes from March 2024 meeting with corrections. Gulke seconded and the motion.
Carried unanimously

III. Approval of Claims

- 1. Bills March 2024** - Krueger motioned to approve the claims from March 2024. Rutkowski seconded and the motion.
Weix questioned if the docks were more than budgeted amount. Wendorf stated they were under
Gulke questioned the cost of some lawn mower parts. Wendorf stated the sensors need to be re-placed when they are out in order for equipment to run properly.
Krueger questioned if the parks department ever looked into air dryers to save on cost of papertowel. Wendorf stated they did and would not be good in all the parks with vandalism and cost of air dryers.
Carried unanimously.

IV. General Agenda Items for Consideration

- 1. Continued discussion on "Wall of Hope" proposal by citizen.** - Wendorf stated that he spoke with the citizen that was interested in putting up the "Wall of Hope" and discussed several different options. Wendorf stated that she liked the location at Kitchenette Park. Wendorf is waiting for her to respond on location and what the sign will look like.
- 2. Discuss potential Normal Park improvements** - Wendorf stated that he has met with Linda Becker from the City Band and they would like to use the funds left over from their fundraiser to add some walking paths at Normal Park. The paths would connect the play area with the restrooms, to the kitchen area, gazebo and out to the side walks. Discussion was held.
Ravn made a motion to approve the Normal Park project submitted by the Merrill City Band. Gulke seconded the motion
Carried unanimously
- 3. Closed Session – *The Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, investing of public funds, or conduct other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining***

reasons require a closed session, for negotiation of and to discuss terms for renewal of Merrill Youth Hockey Association Concessions Contract. - Motion by Weix to go into closed session. Ravn seconded the motion.

Motion by Ravn to end closed session. Rutkowski seconded the motion.

V. Monthly Reports

- 1. April 2024 Report** - The report was included with packet. Wendorf answered any questions from the commission.

VI. Date and Time of Next Meeting May 1, 2024 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall, Council Chambers.

VII. Public Comment No public comment.

VIII. Adjournment Krueger made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Weix seconded the motion.