



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA • WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025**

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**Regular Meeting**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**4:15 PM**

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting**
  - 1. March 2025 Minutes
- III. Approval of Claims**
  - 1. March 2025 Claims
- IV. General Agenda Items for Consideration**
  - 1. Review and potentially approve Resolution of Support for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program
  - 2. Review and potentially approve Resolution of Support to WisDOT for the addition of six-foot pedestrian/bike lane(s) on State Highway 107 from Merrill to Tomahawk
  - 3. Potentially discuss and reconsider 4th of July (Mobile) Food Vendors
  - 4. Continued discussion and potential approval of Special Event Permit
- V. Monthly Reports**
  - 1. April 2025 Director's Report
- VI. Date and Time of Next Meeting**
  - 1. The next regularly schedule meeting is Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall Council Chambers
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. Adjournment**

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**CITY OF MERRILL  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING    CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS    4:15 PM**

**I. Call to Order** Roll Call:

Present: Gulke, Krueger, Malm, Osness, D8 Alderperson Rutkowski

Present Not Voting: Parks Director Dan Wendorf

Excused: Dan Novitch, Joan Tabor

Absent:

Vice Chair Krueger called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

**II. Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting**

1. **February 2025 Minutes** - Osness motioned to approve. Gulke seconded and the motion Passed.

**III. Approval of Claims**

1. **February 2025 Claims** - Osness asked Wendorf if they received the rental skates yet. Wendorf stated that they have been ordered and received. Krueger asked Wendorf how many pairs they were able to order and Wendorf stated they were able to order 54 pairs with the funding that was awarded. It was close to 50/50 with numbers of figure skates and hockey skates.

Osness motioned to approve. D8 Alderperson Rutkowski seconded and the motion Passed.

**IV. General Agenda Items for Consideration**

1. **Review/approve Bierman Family Aquatic Center Pool Heater quotes**  
- Wendorf began the discussion by reviewing the quote summary sheet that was provided in the packet. He informed the Commission that all three quotes were very close which means that all three companies very much understood the job very well. Wendorf also stated that all three companies are very reputable, qualified, and we have worked with in the past so they are all three very qualified. Tweet Garot/Mechanical, Inc. submitted a quote of \$39,140.00, Stainless Specialists, Inc. quoted \$34,350.00, and Badger Swimpools quoted \$35,437.60. Wendorf stated that we were granted \$35,000 through the budgetary process for heater replacement and he was comfortable recommending the low bid of \$34,350.00 from Stainless Specialists, Inc. Wendorf said that Stainless already does all of our HVAC work inside the Smith Center and they will do a good job and stand behind their work.

D8 Alderperson Rutkowski motioned to approve. Gulke seconded and the motion Passed.

- 2. Review Park Entrance Sign design** - Wendorf began the discussion by showing the Commission the draft sign design that was included in their packets. He pointed out that the Rotary Park sign design is the actual sign that is located at the entrance to Rotary Park by the Agra Pavilion. He said this was done by Premier right here in Merrill and there are a number of other signs that they have done for our department and the city over the years. Their signs are durable and long lasting and it is a local company that stands behind their product. Wendorf stated that the design would change slightly to replace the Rotary logo and River Bend logo on the bottom with the new City of Merrill logo and Rutkowski shared the idea of possibly putting a QR code on the bottom middle that would direct people to the park website. Wendorf stated that the support legs for the sign are powder coated and the sign board is poly so it will survive many years in our Wisconsin climate. The Commission liked the design colors with the blue and green combination. Wendorf asked if they wanted any revisions or another draft and they were all OK with the design that was presented with changes discussed (logos changed on the bottom of the sign). It was discussed to see what it would look like with the new city logo with the tag line under it or not so Wendorf stated he would show them before the final order.

Osness motioned to approve. D8 Alderperson Rutkowski seconded and the motion Passed.

- 3. Continued discussion on Special Event Permit** - Wendorf began the discussion by going over the individual edits that were suggested by the Commission at last month's meeting. He pointed out that he created a physical permit that organizers will get to display at their event so they will be easily identified if there are any issues. He stated that he added a signature portion at the end to include the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Street Superintendent if/when they are needed to be included on the permit process. The inclusion of the respective departments is to ensure that the applicable entities have an opportunity to review and evaluate the event and ensure that we have done a thorough job of protecting ourselves, the organizers, the event goers, and the community. Wendorf stated that he had several suggestions given to him prior to the meeting that he will revise in the document including adding the City as insured in the COI we are requesting from certain organizers, add Diggers Hotline number to contacts, add language to say "public events", and potential language related to "failure to fill out permit forms" if we choose to have any penalties. It was also suggested to include a more detailed checklist portion in the order they should approach the application so that organizers make sure they have accomplished everything we would like them to. Wendorf said that he will make these revisions and will share the new version with the Commission. He stated that there is no hurry with this and we should spend the extra time making sure we get this as right as we can. He said the intention is not to burden anyone with a lot of extra work, we want to make sure we farm as much information as we

can so we can all be more effective and prepared within our departments in the City and protect ourselves and event organizers from potential liability or not being prepared for potential unforeseen circumstances.

## **V. Monthly Reports**

- 1. March 2025 Director's Report** - Wendorf asked the Commission if there were any questions on the report that was included in the packet. There were none so Wendorf highlighted a few items in the report including last day of ice in the Smith Center being March 13th and they will begin removing the ice to prepare for dry floor events. He also stated that he is hoping for average weather to begin taking hold to help the crew prepare for all of the events and tasks that are about to take place. He said average weather will allow them to start cleaning up parks and shelters and un-winterize facilities to be prepared for opening while also starting to get ready to prep athletic fields. He said it is always a struggle when winter-like conditions hang on for a long time then suddenly turns nice, giving the crew a limited amount of time to get everything ready in a very short amount of time.

## **VI. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- 1. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 2nd, 2025 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall - Council Chambers -**

## **VII. Public Comment** There was no public comment.

## **VIII. Adjournment** Osness motioned to adjourn. Gulke seconded and the motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

3/1/2025

ALLISON SMITH	SECURITY DEPOSIT	3/11/2025	VOUCHER	\$100.00	10-21-7200
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	CYLINDER RENTAL	2/28/2025	1070287	\$77.41	10-55300-03-41500
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	CYLINDER RENTAL	2/28/2025	10699940	\$119.07	10-55200-02-15000
BEACON ATHLETICS	SPARKLE #6	4/16/2025	606979	\$547.20	10-55200-03-40000
BIG SKY LINES	SOCKS - BLACK SQUIRREL	2/28/2025		\$1,352.00	26-55425-03-42777
BLACK RIVER TRANSPORT SEPTIC	PORTA POTTIES FOR IRONBULL	2/25/2025	70133	\$250.00	26-55250-08-27277
BLUEJAY 96.3	ADVERTISING	2/28/2025	18881-13	\$249.00	10-55400-03-41000
CHERYL HART	PARK SHELTER REVENUE - CANCELED	3/11/2025	VOUCHER	\$70.00	10-45200-46722
CHERYL HART	SECURITY DEPOSIT - CANCELED	3/11/2025	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
CINTAS	MOPS/MATS	2/19/2025	4221548334	\$144.12	10-55400-02-23250
CINTAS	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE/Ryan	2/19/2025	4221548311	\$96.48	10-55200-03-46000
CINTAS	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE/Ryan	2/25/2025	422115338	\$96.48	10-55200-03-46000
CINTAS	MOPS/MATS	3/5/2025	4222992838	\$184.11	10-55400-02-23250
CINTAS	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE/Ryan	3/5/2025	4222992923	\$96.48	10-55200-03-46000
CINTAS	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE/Ryan	3/12/2025	4223753992	\$96.48	10-55200-03-46000
DAWN SMITH	MILEAGE TO FOOD SHOW 03-17-25	3/18/2025	VOUCHER	\$156.80	10-55420-03-41500
GREG EICHELKRAUT	PROMOTION BLACK SQUIRRELL	3/1/2025	VOUCHER	\$75.00	26-55425-03-42777
ISA	MEMBERSHIP FOR WI CHAP INTER ARBORICULTUR	3/3/2025	1371476	\$45.00	10-55200-08-92000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	PVC PIPE	3/3/2025	242012	\$1.14	10-55400-03-50000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	PARTS FOR SHOP	3/3/2025	242005	\$13.99	10-55400-03-50000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	CABLE	3/4/2025	242046	\$3.48	10-55200-03-40000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	CABLES	3/4/2025	242036	\$15.62	10-55200-03-40000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	RATCHETS/SANDDISC	2/27/2025	241948	\$61.96	10-55200-03-40000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	OIL/TIES/SUPPLIES	3/12/2025	242237	\$44.97	10-55200-03-40000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	PADLOCK/SPLIT RING	3/18/2025	242353	\$69.54	10-55200-03-40000
MERRILL FOTO NEWS	ADVERTISING	2/28/2025	3362	\$339.00	10-55400-03-41000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	2020 DODGE RAM	2/24/2025	23168	\$161.53	10-55200-03-51000
NICOLE GRZYWACZ	CANCELLED AGRA	3/11/2025	VOUCHER	\$270.00	10-45200-46722
NICOLE GRZYWACZ	SECURITY DEPOSIT	3/11/2025	VOUCHER	\$100.00	10-21-7200
PRECISION LASER CUTTING	PLOWBLADES	3/7/2025	46998	\$185.19	10-55200-03-50000
REINDL	POSTERS FOR BLACK SQUIRRELL	2/17/2025	162607	\$245.00	26-55425-03-42777
RHYME	COPY MACHINE	3/11/2025	818451	\$31.81	10-55300-03-13000
WALMART	EASTER CANDY/CLEANING SUPPLIES	3/17/2025		\$256.65	10-55300-03-41500

## River Bend Trail: Political Support

### Opportunity:

Highway 107 has been in dire need of improvement for decades. Once this upgrade is complete, it could be decades before any additional work is approved. We have a moment of opportunity now to take full advantage of current efforts to ensure not only a safer section of highway 107 but a piece of the recreation puzzle that will be enjoyed by visitors and residents for decades to come.

### Three main benefits of expanding the shoulder:

*Economic:* Providing a safe cycling infrastructure can attract more cyclists to our region, boosting tourism revenue and promoting recreational activity.

- a. The Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation determined that bicycling supports an estimated 13,505 jobs and contributes \$1.42 billion in consumer spending, \$614 million in output/sales, and \$83 million in state/ local taxes to the Wisconsin economy annually.
  - b. A 2025 report from the Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation found the local economic contributions for the following outdoor recreation destinations:
    - i. City of Eau Claire paved trail system: \$4.1 million.
    - ii. Marathon County's Nine Mile County Forest: \$3.3 million
    - iii. WinMan Trails (Winchester WI): \$4.3 million
2. *Safety:* Current and planned shoulder width does not accommodate bikers nor hikers.
- a. Increased Safety: A wider shoulder provides more space for cyclists to ride away from the edge of the traffic lane, reducing the risk of being hit by passing vehicles, especially when encountering uneven road surfaces or obstacles.
    - i. U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration:
      1. *Each year, unfortunately, pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities comprise about 19 percent of all traffic fatalities with approximately 6,000 pedestrian deaths and 850 bicyclist deaths. Another 76,000 pedestrians and 47,000 bicyclists are injured in roadway crashes annually. These numbers have been rising recently and this is unacceptable.*
  - b. Improved traffic flow: By providing a separate space for cyclists, it minimizes the need for cars to slow down or change lanes to pass them, improving overall traffic flow.
3. *Recreation:* Further advances the reputation of north central WI as a beautiful destination for exploring the great outdoors.
- a. Enhanced cyclist comfort: A wider shoulder allows for more stable and comfortable riding, encouraging more people to cycle in tourist areas.
4. *Access:* The beauty of the Wisconsin River and roadside forestry along that section can now only be enjoyed from behind the window or your vehicle or from a boat on the water. The path will provide additional ways for people to experience that section of the river.



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**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO FEE**  
*\*Intended for Public Events – for large private family functions please contact the Parks Office\**

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person/Event Organizer: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization(s) or Sponsor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Alternate Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Person Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief summary of this event (purpose, activity, who can participate, etc.):

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**Event Information**

Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Event Location Address *(include parking locations and streets to be used if applicable)*: \*If the event requires street closures or parking restrictions, permission must be obtained from the Board of Public Works and/or the Health & Safety Committee (Contact Street Department and/or Police Department to obtain this information). \*This requires at least 45 days minimum notice.

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Is the event located in a City Park? YES NO

If YES, do you have a park reservation? YES NO Park Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Event start/end time: \_\_\_\_\_ Event set up/take down times: \_\_\_\_\_

Total anticipated attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Alcohol consumed, sold, or served? YES NO (may require a picnic license or proof of application in progress)

Vendors: YES NO

Will your event be preparing, selling or serving food? YES NO If yes please explain (type of food and sold/served by who – may require permit from Lincoln County Health Department)

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency On-Site Contact Person (full name, cell phone number, and email):

\_\_\_\_\_

Admission/Entry Fee? YES NO Amplification Equipment? YES NO

Amusement Rides/Inflatables? YES NO Drive anything into the ground? YES NO (requires Diggers Hotline) Ticket #:

Erection of tents/temporary structures? YES NO (requires diggers hotline) Fireworks? YES NO (additional permit required – City Hall) Ticket #:

Horses/Animals? YES NO Food Trucks? YES NO (If YES, they must be licensed through LCHD and inspected by the Merrill Fire Department)



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\*The Parks & Recreation Department has several 96 gallon refuse containers available for use at each of our park locations for normal/reasonable use. If your event is anticipated to be larger than 100 people the organizer is responsible for providing their own dumpster (or waste removal process/service).

\*The Parks & Recreation Department has provided a reasonable number of restrooms at our facilities that can be reserved. For larger crowds it is the organizers responsibility to provide their own portable restrooms to accommodate the size of their anticipated crowd.

\*The Organizer shall have an Emergency/Evacuation Plan that addresses severe weather or any other adverse event. This should also include provisions for emergency vehicle access. This plan shall be worked on using the expertise of the Fire and Police Departments.

\*The City of Merrill reserves the right to shut down a special event that is in progress if it is deemed to be a public safety hazard and/or public nuisance by Police Services, Fire Department, Emergency Management, or the Parks Department and/or there is a violation of City Ordinances, State Statutes or the terms of the Applicant's permit. The Parks & Recreation Director/Fire Chief/Police Chief/or City Administrator may revoke an approved Special Event Permit.

\*The City requires that all organizers of Special Events provide liability insurance. An event sponsor is required to provide a valid certificate of insurance evidencing limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000. Organizers must name the City of Merrill, 1004 E 1<sup>st</sup> St, Merrill, WI 54452 and its employees as additional insured and as a certificate holder in the description.

\*Neither this permit nor any right or duty in whole or in part by the permittee under this permit may be assigned, delegated, or subcontracted without the written consent of the City of Merrill.

**Contacts:**

- \*Merrill Parks & Recreation Department: 715-536-7313
- \*Merrill City Hall: 715-536-5594
- \*Merrill Street Department: 715-536-4222
- \*Merrill Police Department: 715-536-8311
- \*Merrill Fire Department: 715-536-2233
- \*Lincoln County Health Department: 715-536-0307
- \*Diggers Hotline: 800-242-8511



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**AUTHORIZATION TERMS & CONDITIONS**

I, the undersigned applicant, certify that the permit is accurate and complete. I understand that inaccurate information is grounds for cancellation of any event and may jeopardize future events.

I also agree that I will save and indemnify and hold harmless the City of Merrill, its supervisors, and employees against all liabilities, judgments, costs, and expenses, including the claims of any third party, which may come against the City for granting this application, or which may in any way result from the carelessness or neglect of the applicant, or his/her members, guests, employees, or other persons or entities under contract with this applicant.

***Important: Failure to provide any needed information could void this permit and cancel your event. Also, a Special Event Permit is not valid until insurance has been provided, and all necessary approval signatures have been obtained (when applicable). Failure to submit a special event permit or failure to comply with permit conditions could lead to forfeiture of security deposit.***

**Checklist:**

- Contact Parks Department if large event – discuss event/location/steps to take for event
- Make park reservation online
- Certificate of Insurance – (with City and its employees listed as insured)
- Map/Layout of proposed area for event
- Necessary permits or licenses – must be included for final permit approval
- Emergency/evacuation plan (work with Police &/or Fire Departments if/when applicable)

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes/Special Instructions (attach additional sheets if necessary):  
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\_\_\_\_ Event Permit Approved – all applicable signatures must be included for authorization of event permit.

\_\_\_\_ Event Permit Denied – Reason(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parks & Recreation Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Police Chief: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Chief: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## April 2025 Parks & Recreation Director's Report

**Parks:** Winter is trying to hang on and has given us some of everything over the past month or so. We have had enough decent days to get a start on cleaning up throughout our parks but there is still too much frost (and now snow) to work on our athletic fields. It has also been too cold overall to begin installing water meters in our restrooms, shelters, athletic field facilities. We really need it to warm up during the day and overnights so that we can get these installed and get things ready for spring/summer sports and for park shelter reservation season. We need overnight temperatures to start consistently staying in the upper 20's to low 30's before we will even consider dropping water meters into our facilities. The recent snow will most likely set us back a full week or so on our schedule for athletic fields and facilities. I have been working with our City Engineer, Engineering Assistant, and others on our MARC softball field lighting project to ensure we have all information needed to be ready to bid the project out. I am meeting with a lighting contractor this week to create light maps and power grid as well as other technical data to finalize our bid packets. Our hiring for buildings and grounds seasonal positions has been completed and fortunately we are full again for this summer in this area. As with virtually every spring, we have been having issues with pet waste in many of our parks. We have had several calls regarding pet waste in certain areas and we have pleaded to the community to be responsible pet owners. This is an issue that is certainly not unique to Merrill, but it has the most simple solution possible – pick up after your pet and stop being lazy. We don't have the staff or resources to keep up with routine things, let alone picking up after park user's dogs. I have discussed this with the Mayor, Administrator, and Police Chief and we are going to try and continue the public announcements calling for people to do better and for people to hold each other more accountable. PD doesn't have the time to patrol our parks looking for violators and neither do we. Our pool heater was ordered right away after our last meeting and is on its way. Stainless has been in touch with me and we will continue to communicate throughout the process from start to finish. I have been working with Badger Pool to schedule them to be here the week of 3/24 to remove the plaster in the zero depth area that has broken loose causing that heaved area. It is great that they can get here this early to remove all of that and prep the area now because they can re-plaster it in May in time for us to open when we would like to this year with no delays (fingers crossed). Our crew removed the ice inside the Smith Center on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with our tractors and one ton dump truck and the process went very smoothly this year. I attended a River Bend Trail Construction Committee Meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Agra Pavilion to discuss trail related items that are coming up. One of the big items moving forward with the trail is expansion north and south and how to accomplish that. I can help more as a resource from here on out because the trail will be out of the city limits in both directions as it expands from where it is now. But it is a tremendous benefit to our city so we should continue to help where and when we can.

**Forestry:** The Street Department has been rolling along with the remainder of the pruning's and removals from the winter list. I have been staying caught up now with my list as well as the State Street road construction removals, which are all now complete and ready for the road construction to take place this year. I was notified last week that our latest Tree City USA application has been approved again this year. That is always great news to hear and another testament to our community for continually supporting trees for almost 4 decades. I have a number of trees and areas of town that I need to inspect yet before we get too far into spring, but the weather is not helping me achieve that so hopefully within the next week or two I can finish that up. Then that list will grow again when our trees begin to leaf out. After leaf out I typically get quite a few calls where we observe dead branches or other abnormalities that are easier to detect after leaf out.



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**Recreation:** Our 2025 spring/summer recreation guides came out last week! Once again I would like to send a big thank you to Dawn for all of her work and the amazing job she did on the programs, as well as the Foto News for publishing and promoting it. They put it as a center pull out of their paper on the week of 3/17/25 so that every household that gets the paper should receive a copy of our guide. We will also have additional ones that we can distribute to key points of interest as well as keep at our office to hand out to those who are interested. We also have a copy of the guide on our website as well as all programs loaded on our CivicRec online registration system already so people can sign up for all of our programs as we speak. As previously mentioned, we have a great line up of programs ready to go for this summer season and are excited for it to begin. Our Brewers Bus Trip has been slowly gaining attention and hopefully we can fill that up. We still have plenty of time but it never hurts to promote it so we are full in advance of the trip. We are ready for summer recreation from a staff stand point as well. We were fortunate to have all of our staffers return from the previous summer, which allows us to have experience where we need it and cuts way down on training time and onboarding new people. We are still short on the lifeguard list however. We will continue to promote it and work with MAPS to try and get people more interested in lifeguarding. They do have a training coming up at the PRMS pool where anyone can become lifeguard certified and hopefully they can get a good number of students signed up and certified so we can fill all of our slots. If we do not fill the remaining open spots we have for guards, we will have to adjust our pool hours &/or days that we operate to fit the staffers that we have working. It is unfortunately as simple as that.

**Smith Center:** Our ice is out and the removal process went pretty smoothly this year thankfully. We are finished up cleaning everything and prepping the arena for dry floor events with the exception of removing our corner boards. We will have plenty of time to get our arena ready for our first dry floor event, the Children's Festival on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We do have a really good dry floor event schedule again this year with the Children's Festival, June Dairy Breakfast, Kate Goodrich end of year party, Paper Cities Kennel Club Dog Show, Trinity Block Party, to name a few. Merrill Youth Hockey will be doing summer ice again this summer so we will have ice in for a majority of the month of July into about mid-August so we cannot do any dry floor events while there's ice in. It is a trade off because on one hand it would be nice to continue with dry floor events and do more things, but hockey does bring a lot of people into our community consistently while the summer ice is in and it is good for our community and its businesses. As always we will take advantage of the time we have with the ice out to perform some routine maintenance in and around the arena and on our mechanicals so we take care of our building. We will also be utilizing the Smith Center this summer for some of our recreation programs and summer playground on days where necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Wendorf  
Parks & Recreation Director  
City of Merrill