



CITY OF MERRILL

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NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission will have a meeting on **Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.**, at the **Merrill City Hall**.

Voting members of Commission: Jean Ravn, Brian Artac, Kyle Gulke, Joan Tabor, John Vanlieshout, Amanda Groth and Dan Novitch

The following items will be included on the agenda:

1. Approve minutes from previous meeting.
2. Approve claims.
3. Public Comment
4. Consider and potentially approve land donation from Merrill Area Development Corporation (adjoining River Bend Trail).
5. Continued discussion on River Bend Trail snow removal.
6. Update on 2021 budget.
7. Monthly reports.
8. Set date for next meeting.
9. Public comment
10. Adjournment

Submitted by

Dan Novitch
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Dan Novitch, Chairperson

Parks and Recreation Commission

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

October 7, 2020

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

Members Present: Dan Novitch, Kyle Gulke, Jean Ravn, Joan Tabor, Brian Artac, and John Van Lieshout

Members Excused Absent: Amanda Groth

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Mark Weix and Draco Fink from MP3 and Steve Sabatke.

***Motion by Van Lieshout, seconded by Ravn to approve the minutes from the September meeting.

***Carried unanimously.

***Motion by Van Lieshout, seconded by Tabor, to approve the claims from September.

***Carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and recommend on tax fee procedures. Wendorf stated that we should consider passing on the tax fee to the customers. Currently they are not being charged a tax fee. Van Lieschout stated that he would recommend rounding up to the next number.

***Motion by Van Lieshout, seconded by Gulke, to making every program \$20.00 and up, have a fee increase to the nearest \$5 or \$0, to cover the taxes on programs.

***Carried. Artac voted nay.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss snow removal procedures to accurately reflect staffing capabilities. Wendorf stated that snow removal from the RBT is a burden during the winter months and he would propose cleaning off only a defined area of the trail. Wendorf suggested only cleaning off Polk to Park Street, from Weinbrenner to Agra building. Wendorf stated that some other areas of trail are hard to keep clean with snow melt and with only two guys it is hard to maintain. After some discussion it was decided to bring this item back in November for more discussion. Wendorf also stated that he would continue to have discussions with the River District Development to keep open lines of communication.

The next item on the agenda was the City forest timber sale. Wendorf stated they received only one bid from Wagler from Rhinelander for \$28,775. Wendorf stated that he is happy with the bid.

***Motion by Artac, seconded by Van Lieshout to approve the bid of \$28,775 for the City forest timber sale.

The next item on the agenda was the 2021 Budget update. Wendorf stated that the new employee passed through the first phase. Wendorf stated that 5 things for the Park and Recreation Department were approved at the first night of budget meeting. Wendorf stated that the final budget hearing is November 10.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if anyone had any questions. Wendorf stated that he has been working with all the organizations regarding ice procedure. Covid remains the big topic.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

Public Comment:

***Motion by Van Lieshout, seconded by Artac to adjourn at 5:07 p.m.

***Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith
Recording Secretary

PACKET: 08956 10/16/2020 - PARK & REC

VENDOR SET: 01 City of Merrill

SEQUENCE : ALPHABETIC

DUE TO/FROM ACCOUNTS SUPPRESSED

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I-4062490989		MOP FRAME, DUST MOP, MATS	189.90 ✓			
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✓		MOP FRAME, DUST MOP, MATS		10 55400-02-23250	Cleaning - Mats/Rugs, Et	189.90
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01-000131 ETCO ELECTRIC SUPPLY ✓						
I-3342148		LED EXIT WHITE, KEY SOCKET	90.95 ✓			
10/16/2020	1	DUE: 10/16/2020 DISC: 10/16/2020		1099: N		
✓		LED EXIT WHITE, KEY SOCKET		10 55200-08-91000	Park Improvements	90.95
I-3342907		LED EMERGENCY LIGHT,	524.71 ✓			
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✓		LED EMERGENCY LIGHT,		10 55200-08-91000	Park Improvements	524.71
--- VENDOR TOTALS ---			615.66			
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01-002648 MEGAN KLUG ✓						
I-PARK REFUND		AGRA PARK REFUND	185.00 ✓			
10/16/2020	1	DUE: 10/16/2020 DISC: 10/16/2020		1099: N		
✓		AGRA PARK REFUND		10 45200-46722	Park Shelter Reservation	85.00
		AGRA PARK REFUND		10 21-7200	Park Shelter-S Deposits	100.00
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		✓				
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01-000379	RIESTERER & SCHNELL INC	✓				
I-1861264		DRAFT LINK	311.09	✓		
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		✓				
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01-001822	KATHRYN SEUBERT	✓				
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		✓				
		=== VENDOR TOTALS ===	100.00			
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01-002488	SUNRISE BROADCASTING	✓				
I-12641-7		PARK & REC SPORTS BILLBOARD	249.00	✓		
10/16/2020	1	DUE: 10/16/2020 DISC: 10/16/2020		1099: N		
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		✓				
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01-000554	SUPERIOR CHEMICAL CORP	✓				
I-279429		PROMAX, DISINFECTANT, PUMP	295.39	✓		
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		PROMAX, DISINFECTANT, PUMP		10 55200-05-50220	COVID19 - Supplies	295.39
		✓				
		=== VENDOR TOTALS ===	295.39			
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01-1	ONE TIME VENDOR	✓				
I-TIMM, H.-PARK REF		TIMM, HEATHER:STANGE'S	50.00	✓		
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		✓				
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I-9532511			8D COATED SINKERS, OSB 7/16	140.39 ✓			
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01-1	ONE TIME VENDOR						
I-ZIMMERMAN, W. PREF			ZIMMERMAN, WAYNE: PARK REF	100.00 ✓			
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			ZIMMERMAN, WAYNE: PARK REF		10 21-7200	Park Shelter-S Deposits	100.00
=== VENDOR TOTALS ===				100.00			
=== PACKET TOTALS ===				2,868.50			

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** TOTALS **

INVOICE TOTALS	2,868.50
DEBIT MEMO TOTALS	0.00
CREDIT MEMO TOTALS	0.00

BATCH TOTALS	2,868.50
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** G/L ACCOUNT TOTALS **

BANK	YEAR	ACCOUNT	NAME	AMOUNT	=====LINE ITEM=====		=====GROUP BUDGET=====	
					ANNUAL BUDGET	BUDGET OVER AVAILABLE BUDG	ANNUAL BUDGET	BUDGET OVER AVAILABLE BUDG
2020	10	-21-0000	Accounts Payable Control	2,868.50				
	10	-21-7200	Park Shelter-S Deposits	350.00				
	10	-45200-46722	*NON-EXPENSE	85.00	10,000-	5,638.52-		
	10	-55200-03-46000	Uniform Services	284.72	3,500	790.17	334,228	98,918.16
	10	-55200-03-50000	Repair/Maint. Supplies	311.09	12,000	5,953.87	334,228	98,891.79
	10	-55200-05-50220	COVID19 - Supplies	295.39	0	2,882.85- Y	334,228	98,907.49
	10	-55200-08-91000	Park Improvements	1,103.40	13,000	4,505.59	334,228	98,099.48
	10	-55400-02-23250	Cleaning - Mats/Rugs, Et	189.90	3,000	1,290.90	113,500	39,624.37
	10	-55400-03-41000	Public Relations/Marketi	249.00	7,500	6,020.60	113,500	39,565.27
	99	-14-0010	Due from General Fund	2,868.50 *				
			** 2020 YEAR TOTALS	2,868.50				

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A/P Regular Open Item Register

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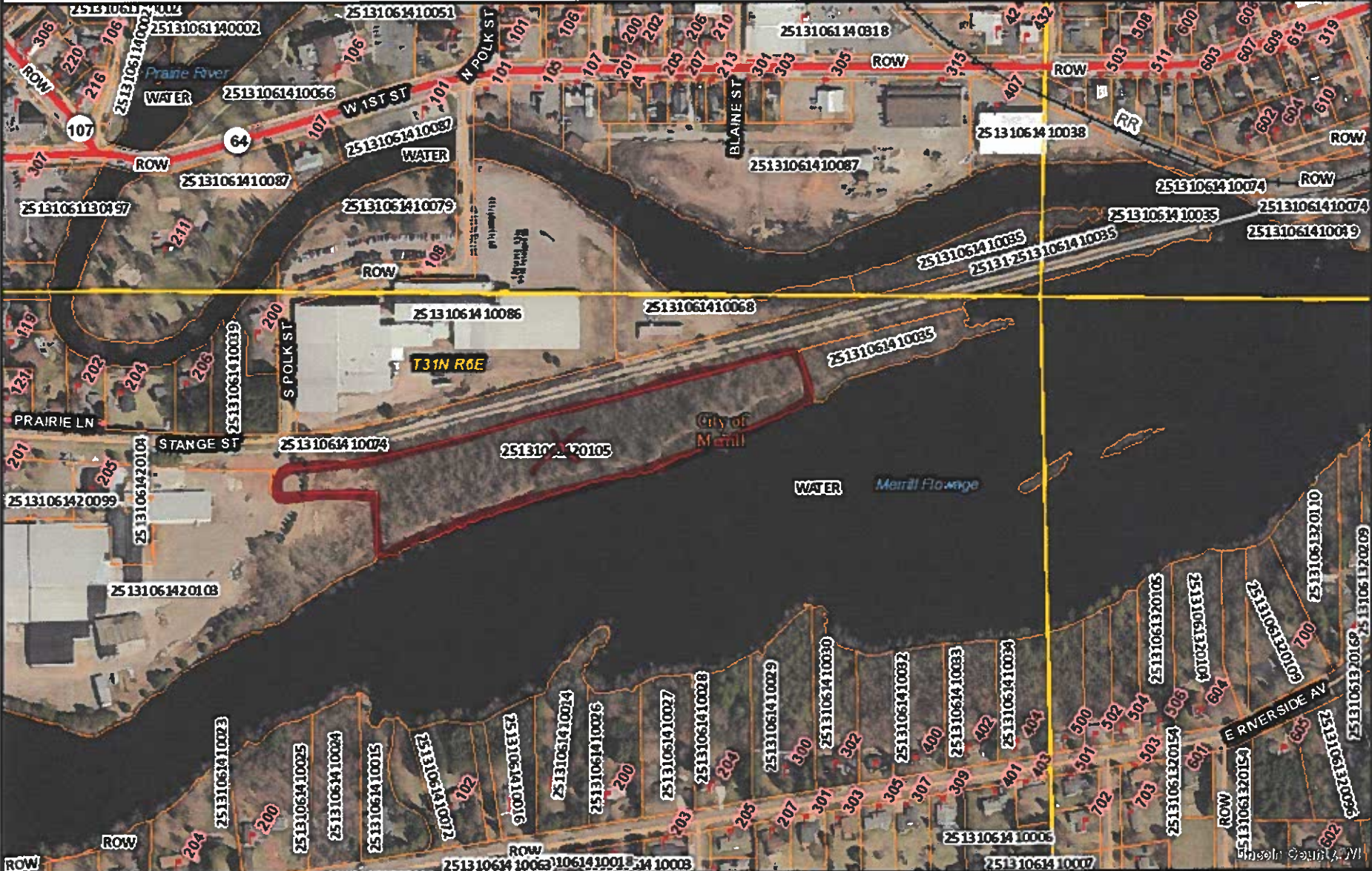
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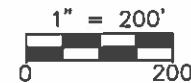
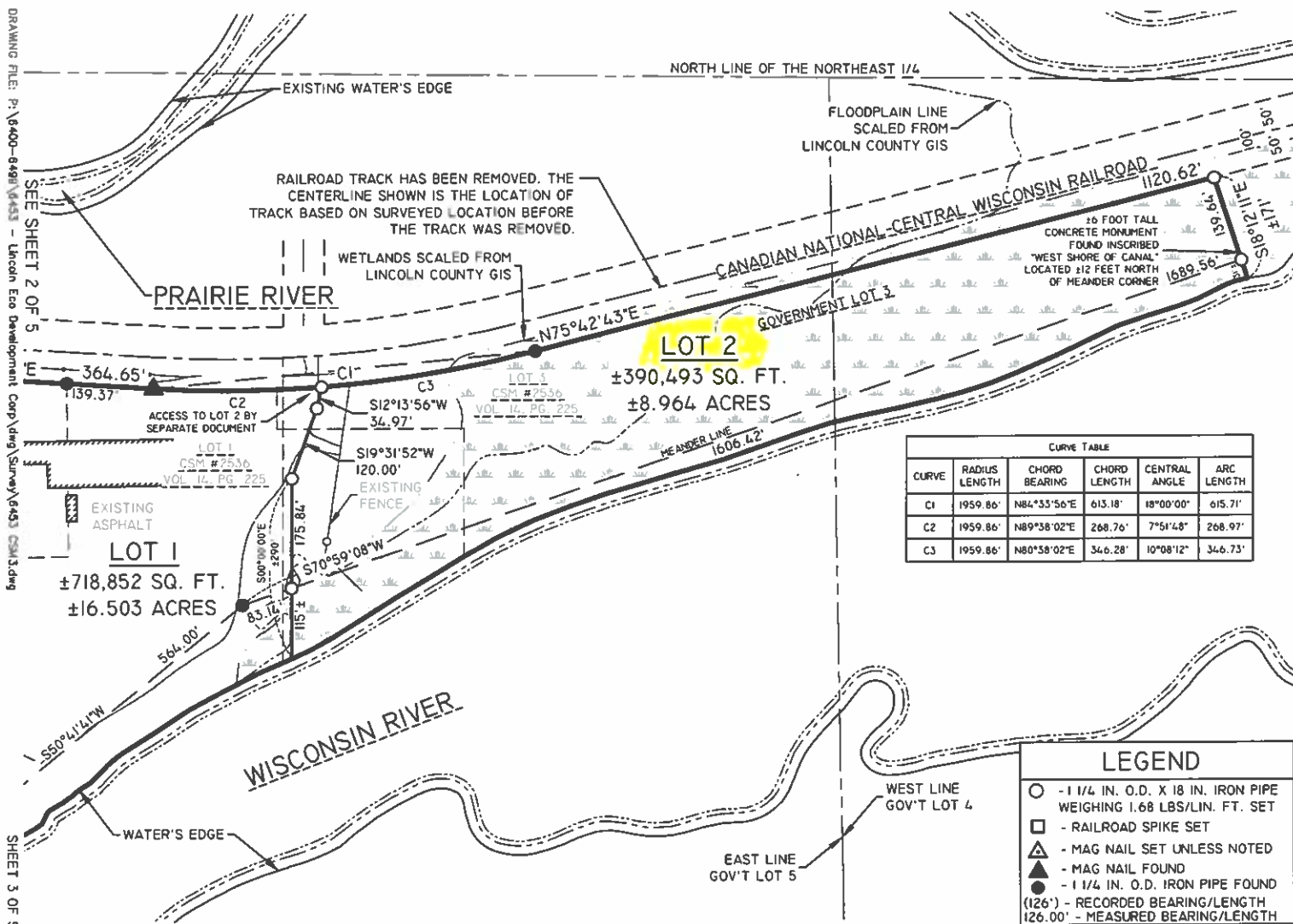
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LINCOLN CO. CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

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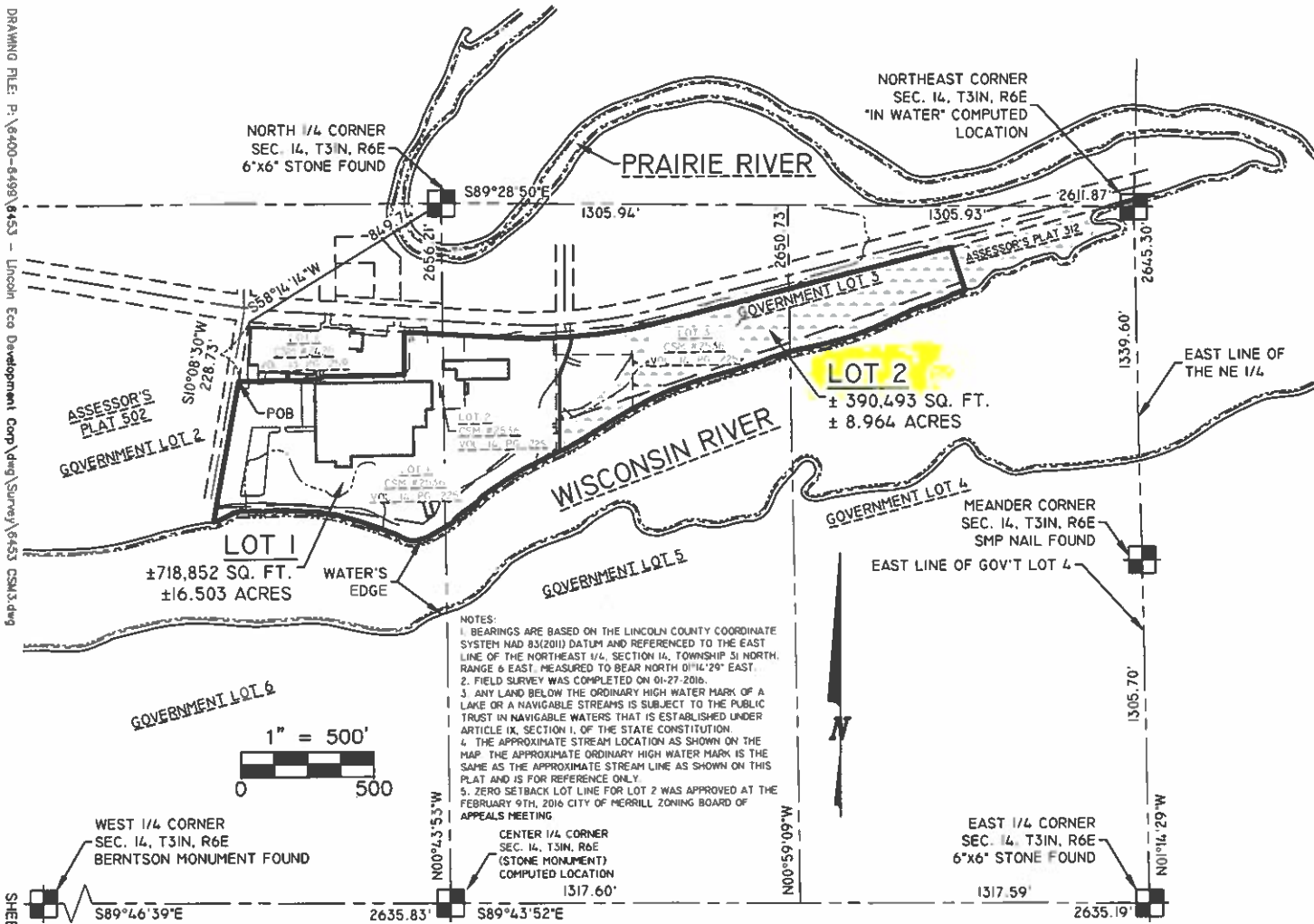
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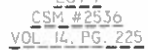


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MERRILL AREA

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CURVE TABLE					
CURVE	RADIUS LENGTH	CHORD BEARING	CHORD LENGTH	CENTRAL ANGLE	ARC LENGTH
C1	1959.86'	N84°33'56"E	613.18	18°00'50"	615.71'
C2	1959.86'	N89°38'02"E	268.76'	7°51'48"	268.97'
C3	1959.86'	N80°38'02"E	346.28'	10°08'12"	346.73'

LEGEND	
○	1 1/4 IN. O.D. X 18 IN. IRON PIPE WEIGHING 1.68 LBS/LIN. FT. SET
□	RAILROAD SPIKE SET
△	MAG NAIL SET UNLESS NOTED
▲	MAG NAIL FOUND
●	1 1/4 IN. O.D. IRON PIPE FOUND
(126)	RECORDED BEARING/LENGTH
126 80'	MEASURED BEARING/LENGTH

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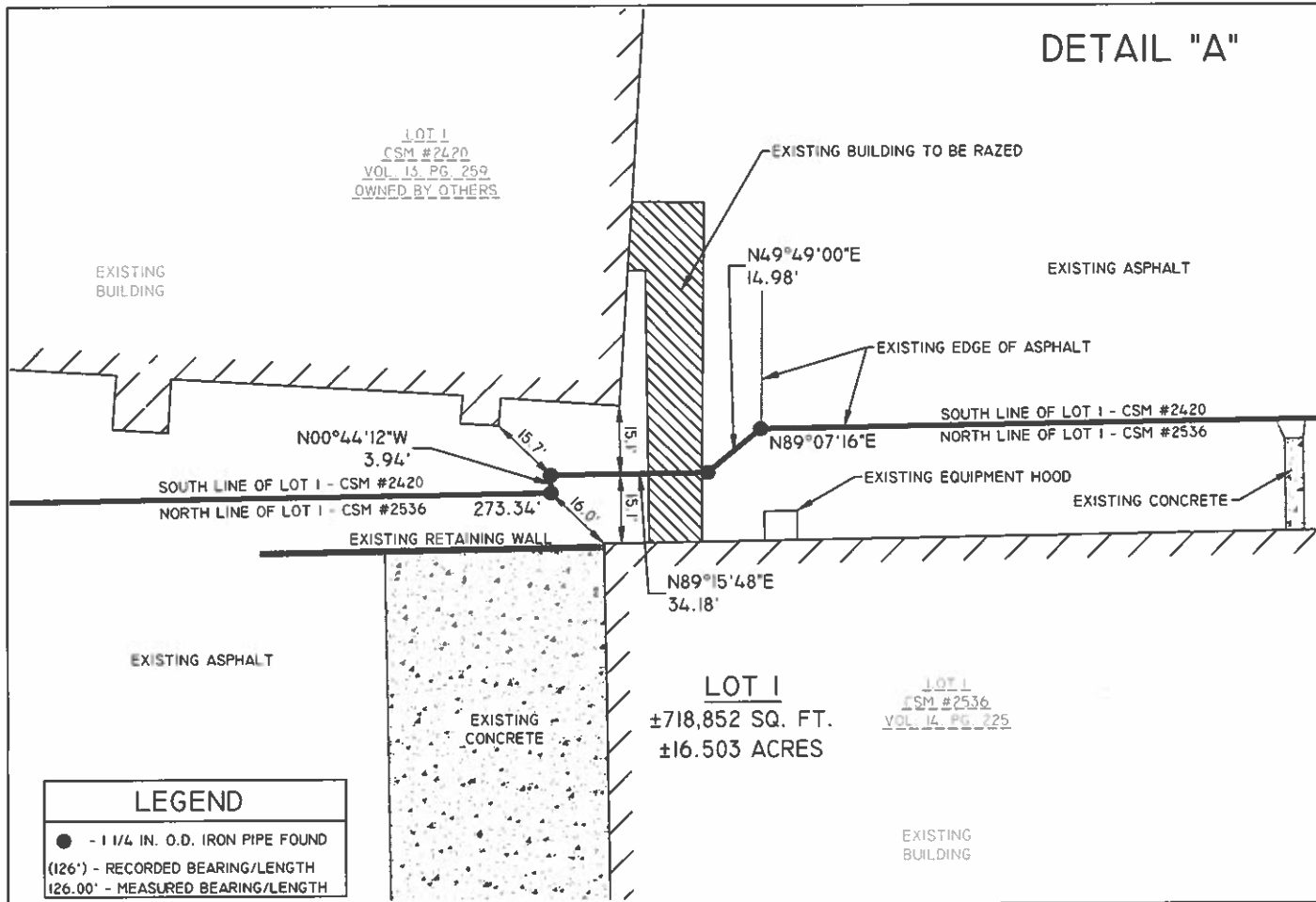
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DETAIL "A"



LEGEND

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SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, JOSHUA W. PRENTICE, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR S-2852, HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF THAT I HAVE SURVEYED, MAPPED AND DIVIDED ALL OF LOT 1, LOT 2 AND LOT 3 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 2536, RECORDED IN VOLUME 14, ON PAGE 225, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 517412, IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE AND PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3, ALL IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, CITY OF MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

THAT SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 1,109,345 SQUARE FEET OR 25.467 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

THAT SAID PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS OF RECORD.

THAT I HAVE MADE THIS SURVEY AND MAP BY THE DIRECTION OF MERRILL AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, OWNER OF SAID LAND.

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES AND THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF MERRILL.

THAT SAID MAP IS A CORRECT AND ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF SAID PARCEL AND THE DIVISION THEREOF MADE.

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____

RE/ ENGINEERING INC.
JOSHUA W. PRENTICE
P.L.S. S-2852

I, DARIN PAGEL, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF MERRILL, CERTIFIES THE ABOVE CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP IS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF MERRILL.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR DATE



November 2021 Parks & Recreation Director's Report

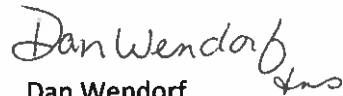
Parks: Our parks amenities "closed" on October 1st by ordinance as they do each year. This was obviously a very unique year in the fact that we didn't ever open our restrooms to the general public at all. The method we tried out this year with the restroom key included with shelter reservation worked very well and was a great way to utilize our amenities through a pandemic. The crew was able to get everything winterized and ready for winter shortly after we closed things up so we are ready. We could definitely use a stretch of better weather, even average, to get some things done before actual winter settles upon us. We were mostly caught up with mulching and winter prep but there are still some loose ends that could be tied up. Athletic Park parking lot paving project was cruising along nicely until it snowed. Curb and gutter was finished and they were able to sneak the first layer of pavement down before it snowed. If weather permits they will finish yet this fall, otherwise I think the goal is going to be to put the binder layer down and let it sit until spring. Once weather permits in the spring, they will return to finish the paving and marking of parking stalls so we are ready to go for (hopefully) a regular and full baseball season. Shelter reservations continue to be popular yet at the Agra Pavilion, which is still the only shelter that we reserve year round. People have been respectful of the health recommendations that we have put in place and it has been able to continue. I do need to thank Jim and Joe for a tremendous job planting trees. I ordered 122 trees for our fall planting and they planted almost all of them. Frost set in before we could finish planting a number of them and we should be able to finish them when the better weather returns. I have attended the ongoing budgetary meetings thus far and (as I am typing this) still have our full time Park Laborer Position alive in the process. Our capital requests that are still in the running are: replace water line to Kitchenette Restrooms, Smith Center rain gutters, concrete aprons around park shelters, one zero turn mower, and pit toilets at City Forest. The others were removed from consideration on the first meeting. We have a number of meetings to go yet and nothing is set in stone, but hopefully we are successful in our quest for another employee.

Forestry: As previously mentioned, a special thanks to Jim and Joe for their hard work in helping get trees into the ground for our fall planting. 122 trees is no small task for two people but they are always up to the challenge. With the 122 we planted this fall, along with the 50 + we planted this summer, we were able to plant over 175 trees this year. That is a great number to report to you and a number that I hope we can continue to plant year in and year out. I am waiting on a number of grants that I applied for and if we are successful, we might be able to plant as much if not more next year. I do have a number of tree inspections that I have to catch up on though, as it has been tough to keep up with everything this fall. I will get those accomplished within the next few days and get them on the Street Department list for getting taken care of when they have time. I will begin the process of recertification for Tree City USA for this year, as it is due by mid-December. We will once again qualify with ease for this recognition.

Recreation: As previously mentioned, COVID has tremendously limited our capabilities when it comes to hosting community events. With the orders and recommendations put in place in August, it limits what we can have for gatherings and suggests foregoing gatherings on a community level altogether. So we are going to try a "drive through" Halloween celebration on Halloween Day. Thanks to Dawn, we will be able to bring a little slice of Halloween safely to those who wish to partake. We are hosting this in the parking lot of the MARC and it will be a safe way for kids to have fun and enjoy the holiday. We were able to get a number of sponsors throughout the community to contribute to the purchase of candy and other things to fill bags to hand out to the kids who participate. I will be able to verbally update you on the event at the meeting. As previously mentioned, nobody knows what tomorrow will bring so we are already thinking about what recreation 2021 will look like. With MAPS not allowing outside agencies into their facilities, it is not looking good for Little Dribblers basketball league this winter. We will continue to monitor that information and if it changes we can be ready to organize. If not, we will continue to prepare for what we hope is a normal recreation season next year. If it is not, we will have options at the ready to roll out and offer our citizens. The trick with all of this is to do what we can with the resources we have available to us. We are not a large department and are not able to intensively specify our programs across the board and still ensure patron safety. Other departments in larger cities (or with larger/specialized staff) have capabilities that we simply do not have. But we do the absolute best with what we have each and every day!

Smith Center: After a very long down time inside the arena, we were able to successfully install ice and open up for ice time on October 26th. We worked tirelessly to make sure that the arena is looking better than it has ever looked and put in place safety protocols and features to keep things as safe as we can make it. Locker rooms are going to be off limits to begin the season and in lieu of that we have placed blue "X's" around the south perimeter of the rink with a single chair under each. This will ensure physical distancing for participants and make it easier to sanitize. We added additional time between ice users to allow for one group to exit the ice and the arena, before allowing the next to get on. We are also using the community room as a staging area for one group to prepare while the other group exits the ice and building. This allows volunteers to sanitize the rink area immediately after the group is off the ice and gone, then the staging area is emptied and they enter the ice, and the staging area is sanitized before the next group comes in. This staggers the time for sanitizing and allows for ease of use (hopefully). As with anything, nobody has ever been through this before and as long as we all communicate, we can adjust whatever we need to. The arena has one direction flow with a staging area to also allow for easier sanitizing and easier separation of groups. We planned ahead and ordered hand held and backpack, battery operated electrostatic sanitizers. We are also very fortunate to be able to partner with MAPS to use their sanitizer that they are making in house. This will be a tremendous savings for us and allow us to try our best to keep the building sanitized with the increased usage through a pandemic. I have been communicating constantly with our groups to make sure we begin and remain on the same page to keep people active and keep things going in the arena. It is a lot of extra work and organizing but it is very much worth it to see people back in our building.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dan Wendorf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "D" and "W".

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