

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

September 7, 2022

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 4:15 p.m., at Merrill City Hall.

Members Present: Kyle Gulke, Joan Tabor, Brian Artac, Chad Krueger, Mark Weix and Jean Ravn,

Members Excused Absent: Dan Novitch

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

***Motion by Weix, seconded by Tabor to approve the minutes from the August meeting.

***Carried unanimously.

***Motion by Ravn, seconded by Krueger, to approve the claims from August.

***Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Dave Johnson stated that in his 10 years and 5 months of working with everyone, he has enjoyed it and thanked the Commission members for helping make Merrill a better place to live.

The next item on the agenda was to review draft of 2023-2027 Outdoor Recreation Plan. Fred Heider from North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning attended the meeting and discussed some of the changes that were made. Heider also stated that once all changes are approved by Park and Recreation Commission it will need to go to Council to be approved. Once approved by Council this plan will help with applying for all Financial Assistance and grant programs. Weix pointed out that Riverside Park was omitted from the plan and will need to be put back into the plan. After more discussion Fred Heider stated that he will make some changes and resubmit to the Park and Recreation Commission.

The next item on the agenda was to review and approve 2023 Parks and Recreation fees. Wendorf went through the list of changes.

***Motion by Tabor, seconded by Ravn to approve the changes for the Parks and Recreation recreational fees.

***Carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if anyone had any questions. Wendorf stated that it was a good summer, smooth sailing for the most part. Wendorf stated that the council made a motion to eliminate the boat landings at the first budget meeting, it hasn't been finalized yet so there is still a chance they can be saved. Weix questioned trees on boulevard and if Wendorf does inspection on them. Wendorf stated that he does inspect the trees.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

Public Comment: Brian Artac thanked David Johnson for his hard work and support to the Park and Recreation Department.

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

***Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith
Recording Secretary