

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

June 4, 2014

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 4:15 p.m. at the City Hall.

Members Present: Don Heyel, Dorwin Harris, Melissa Schroeder, Mike Willman

Members Excused Absent: Ralph Sturm, Brian Artac, Dave Sukow

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: Dave Johnson, Kandy Peterson

\*\*\*Motion by Schroeder, seconded by Willman, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Willman stated that in the minutes it should state that he (Willman) nominated Harris for vice-chairperson.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

\*\*\*Motion by Willman, seconded by Schroeder, to approve the claims.

Harris questioned the bill for the dog park signs. Wendorf stated because they are waterproof signs the cost is a little more expensive. Signs were made for both the park and the rules of the dog park.

\*\*\*Carried Unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. There was no public comment.

The next item on the agenda was to begin discussion on Outdoor pool at Stange Park. Wendorf stated he met with Becher Hoppe and because the park is in flood fringe a the flood study has to be done which will determine where the pool is built at Stange Park and if the pool has to be altered a little. The flood study must be done first to be determined also if the location can be permitted. Wendorf stated he will keep the commission updated on the progress.

The next item on the agenda was to review/approve 2014 funded Capital Project for Smith Center locker room heaters. Wendorf stated that he would like approval from the commission to go ahead and have Mechanical Incorporated install the heaters before the fall. Wendorf stated that Mechanical does all the heating work at the Smith Center. Wendorf stated that Mechanical put a bid in for \$37,800.00. Heyel questioned if the job had to be bid out because it is over \$25,000.00. After some discussion it was decided to have the project be bid out. Wendorf will get the specs put together and have the project go out for bids. Wendorf stated that he will have the bids by the August meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss policy regarding park rentals by Non-Profit Organizations. Wendorf stated he just wanted to bring this up to the commission. Wendorf stated at this time there is a charge for park usage for non-profit organizations. Dave Johnson stated that non-profit should pay for the parks considering that non-profit does not pay taxes for any of

the parks. The commission stated that the policy should remain the same. All organizations will pay for usage of the parks.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2014 at 4:15 p.m., at the Merrill City Hall.

Public Comment: Willman questioned if the sale on the old Ranger Station was still happening. Dave Johnson stated that they are having the land accessed and then it will go out for bids.

\*\*\*Motion by Willman, seconded by Schroeder, to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith  
Recording Secretary