

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

October 1, 2014

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 4:15 p.m. at the City Hall.

Members Present: Mike Willman, Ralph Sturm, Dorwin Harris, Brian Artac, Melissa Schroeder

Members Excused Absent: Brian Artac

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: Dave Johnson, Candy Peterson, Jeremy Ratliff from Merrill Courier, Mayor Bill Bialecki, Ryan Schwartzman, Gene Bebel, Phil Valitchka, Kortney Pike

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

***Carried unanimously.

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Willman, to approve the claims.

***Carried Unanimously.

No Public Comment

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Aquatic Design Consultants and selection of firm for new water park construction. Burbach Aquatics, Inc, Stantec and Water Technology, Inc presented the Park and Recreation Commission with a twenty minute summary, proposals and what they could offer to the Merrill Community. After hearing from all three companies Harris stated that it would be hard to make a decision based on all the information that was given to the commission members. City Administrator Dave Johnson stated that it would be easier to look at all the information if it was put on a spread sheet summarizing all the information given to the Park and Recreation Department. Harris made a recommendation to meet next week to make a decision on one company.

***Meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 4:15. Information will be sent to all Park and Recreation Commission members.

The next item on the agenda was to review/approve trail signs for River Bend Trail. Phil Valitchka presented the information regarding the signage for the River Bend Trail. Valitchka stated that the signs will be brown in color and will also display the Merrill Park and Recreation logo on each sign. Valitchka stated that with the help of the Park and Recreation Department in placing the signs it will work out very good. All signage will follow code on where the signs are placed. Gene Bebel stated that they are running into some hang-ups due to the wet conditions. Bebel also stated that they are working with the railroad with the trail behind the Cosmo theater due to how close the trail will be with the railroad.

***Motion by Schroeder, seconded by Willman to approve trail signs for the River Bend Trail.

***Carried Unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if there was any questions on his board report. Wendorf stated that this weekend was the 7th Annual Lincoln Lager Barleyfest and invited everyone to come and enjoy the event.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2014 at 4:15 p.m.

No public comment.

***Motion by Schroeder, seconded by Artac, to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

***Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith
Recording Secretary