

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

April 1, 2015

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 4:15 p.m. at the City Hall.

Members Present: Mike Willman, Melissa Schroeder, Dave Sukow, Jean Ravn, Troy Pieper and Ben Debroux

Members Excused Absent: Brian Artac

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: Dave Johnson and Candy Peterson

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2015 meeting.

***Carried unanimously.

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

***Carried Unanimously.

Public Comment: None

The next item on the agenda was to review and approve ice re-surfacer bids. Wendorf stated that they only received one bid from Frank J. Zamboni & Co. Inc. for \$137,666.00. Wendorf stated that by going with an electric Zamboni they could save around \$3,000.00 on LP for the Zamboni, as well as savings on indoor air quality devices that may come with air quality. Wendorf also stated that this item would have to be passed onto City Council because we are requesting more money than what we were given during the 2015 budget for the Zamboni. Willman questioned how long it would take to get the new Zamboni. Wendorf stated it could take up to 300 days.

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Ravn to approve the bid from Frank J. Zamboni & Co. Inc. in the amount of \$137,666.00 and also to forward onto City Council for approval.

***Carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was continued discussion and update on Aquatic Center. Wendorf stated that he did receive the artist drawing of the pool and has put it up on the Merrill Park and Recreation Facebook and Website and is receiving some positive feedback on the design. Wendorf also stated that they are just finalizing small details like door handles and such. Wendorf stated that the bids will go out on April 6 as planned and all bids will be opened May 4 and the commission will have to approve bids at the May 6 meeting. Schroeder questioned when a decision will be made on the old pool with the building. Schroeder stated that people are commenting on that. Willman stated that it will have to go on an agenda before next year to be put into the budget process. City Administrator Johnson stated that there is some talk about possibly turning that area into a skate park and moving the one that we currently have. Debroux questioned if parking was going to be an issue at the new Aquatic Center. Wendorf stated that it will not be an issue, but will need to be evaluated for potential of additional entry or exit for transit traffic and drop off and keep other parking areas from congestion. City Administrator

Johnson stated that the city has and will put money into the new Aquatic Center by giving the land, operating costs, landscaping around the pool, paving and the city paid for the initial design of the pool.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if anyone had any questions. Sukow commented about the Emerald Ash Borer. Wendorf stated that Merrill has a plan in place if anything happens.

***Motion by Schroeder, seconded by Ravn to approve the monthly reports.

***Carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2015 at 4:15 p.m. Melissa Schroeder will be unable to attend the May meeting.

No public comment

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Ravn to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

***Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith
Recording Secretary