

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

September 2, 2015

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 4:15 p.m. at the Smith Center.

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

Members Excused Absent: None

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors:

\*\*\*Motion by Sukow, seconded by Artac to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2015 meeting.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

\*\*\*Motion by Sukow, seconded by Artac, to approve the claims.

\*\*\*Carried Unanimously.

Public Comment: None

The next item on the agenda was to visit the new Aquatic Center construction site.

The next item on the agenda was to review/approve fees for 2016. Wendorf stated that he has provided information from other communities and what he recommends to begin discussion is:

Day Pass: \$4.00 Resident  
\$5.00 Non-Resident  
Under 2 free  
\$2.00 after 5:00 p.m.

Seniors: \$2.00  
Non swimmers: \$2.00  
Military: \$2.00  
Season Pass: \$100.00 Family (up to 4 members, \$15.00 additional members)  
Resident  
\$130.00 Family (up to 4 member, \$15.00 additional members)  
Non-Resident  
\$50.00 Single – Resident  
\$80.00 Single – Non-Resident

Group Rates: \$2.00 per person on groups more than 50 people and scheduled either before or after normal pool hours.

Private Parties Pool Rentals:  
1 – 50 people - \$125.00 per hour  
51 – 75 people - \$150.00 per hour  
75 – 100 people - \$175.00 per hour  
101 + people - \$1.00 per person per hour

All of the private parties/pool rental rates only apply before/after regular operating hours. Must schedule in advance.

Wendorf stated the operational hours for old pool were Monday thru Saturday from 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. Pieper questioned if the pool would be operational during Sundays. Wendorf stated that it would not and they would use that day for reservations if Commission wishes to keep same operating schedule as old pool. DeBroux questioned if we would be running specials during tournaments. Wendorf stated that we would. Schroeder questioned the prices for lower income families stating that if a child has to pay \$4.00 and \$3.00 for bussing round trip it would cost that one person \$7.00. Sukow stated that the city is not responsible for getting people to and from the pool. There is a lot of different ways to get there. Sukow also stated that the bus is federally funded and they have to charge according to funding. Ravn stated that she is not in favor of the resident non-resident fees for a daily pass, she recommends keeping that the same price for everyone. Schroeder and Pieper agreed that daily passes should all be the same price. Wendorf stated that he will put a summary together on pricing after discussion and mail it to all commission members to review and to make any changes and approve fees at the October meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to review/approve 2016 operational budget. The only change for the 2016 will be allowing for additional watering for up to 29 hours per week. Willman questioned where the funding was coming for that. Wendorf stated that he has been working with Kathy Unertl and she stated that there was enough money in the budget to absorb the cost of additional flower watering. Sukow was wondering how many lifeguards would be hired. Wendorf stated they will probably need 8 – 10 lifeguards to cover rotation and some additional people for concessions and tickets.

\*\*\*Motion by Sukow, seconded by Artac to approve the budget as presented.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if anyone had any questions. Willman stated that another county had Emerald Ash. Schroeder questioned if we started cutting any of our Ash trees down yet. Wendorf stated that he started marking them but was waiting on the Street Department to cut them down. Wendorf stated he will have all the trees marked by fall. Wendorf thanked all staff members for their great work over the summer months.

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

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2015 at 4:15 p.m. at the Smith Center

No public comment

\*\*\*Motion by Artac, seconded by Pieper to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith  
Recording Secretary