

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

December 4, 2013

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. at the City Hall.

Members Present: Mike Willman, Ralph Sturm, Dorwin Harris, Melissa Schroeder and Brian Artac. Dan Novitch came in at 4:20

Members Excused Absent: Anne Caylor

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: Dave Johnson, Dave Sukow, Kandy Peterson and Dewey Pfister

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

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

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

\*\*\*Carried Unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was a continued discussion on parking lot issue at the MARC. Harris stated that this item should be put on hold until further notice.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss ADA Accessibility for Dog Park. Wendorf stated that there have been a number of people that would like to utilize the dog park but are unable to get out the park. Wendorf was thinking if we put in a trail that would lead right to the dog park it would be easier for the handicapped people to get to. Harris questioned if the trail would go inside the park. Wendorf stated it would not but there have been requests from some people to have a trail go around the dog park for walking. Novitch questioned if there was any money in the 2014 budget for the trail. Wendorf stated there was not. Schroeder suggested that maybe the "Friends of the Dog Park" could do some fund raisers. Sturm stated that rotten granite not gravel would be better for the trail if paving was intended. No action was taken.

The next item on the agenda was to revisit discussion on Bike Route Designation. Wendorf stated that he has been working with Ken Neff from the police department on safe routes to school grant. Wendorf stated that he has been working with Fred Heider, North Central Regional Planning Commission, on the bike/pedestrian grant from WisDot for the City of Merrill. Wendorf stated that the process has just begun and the grant will not be submitted until November or December of 2014, Wendorf stated he will keep the commission informed on the progress of the grant. Novitch stated he wanted revisit bike routes to educate everyone, and some new commissioners, in hopes to take action and implement this initiative along with the grant and River Bend Trail.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if anyone had any questions on his report. No questions.

Motion by Schroeder, seconded by Artac, to approve the monthly report.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2014 at 4:15 p.m., at the Merrill City Hall.  
No January meeting will be held.

No public comment.

\*\*\*Motion by Artac, seconded by Willman, to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith  
Recording Secretary