

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

January 14, 2015

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 4:15 p.m. at the City Hall.

Members Present: Mike Willman, Ralph Sturm, Dorwin Harris, Melissa Schroeder, Dave Sukow and Brian Artac.

Members Excused Absent:

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: Dave Johnson, Brad Kanitz, Mayor Bill Bialecki, Candy Peterson, Tonia Speener from Clark Dietz

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Artac to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2014 meeting.

***Carried unanimously.

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

Sukow questioned what the bill was for from Lincoln County Landfill for shingles at the City forest. Wendorf explained that someone dumped a load of shingles and they had to be cleaned up and disposed of. Sukow questioned what the bill from Mechanical was for \$37,800.00 and also for the Zamboni heater. Wendorf explained that the one was for replacement of locker room heaters from capital improvements and the other was repairs done on a heater in the Zamboni pit. Sukow questioned the two bills from WPS for the Smith Center. Wendorf explained it was two separate bills.

***Carried Unanimously.

Public Comment: Brad Kanitz addressed the Park and Recreation Commission by introducing himself as the new president for the Boy's Baseball Association. Kanitz thanked Dorwin Harris, Dawn Smith and Dan Wendorf for all the help he has received on getting the projects moving forward on the Lions Park improvements from the money donated from the Bierman Foundation. Sukow requested that item agenda number 6 be moved up to discuss improvements before Mr. Kanitz had to leave the meeting.

The next item on the agenda was item number 6 on the agenda. Request from Merrill Baseball Association to discuss Lions Park improvement project. Wendorf stated that the money donated from the Bierman Foundation is being utilized for bleachers, some new fences and some repairs to old fences, backstops and also on one field to have the field cut down to make level and put up a retaining wall. Wendorf stated that there will have to be some fundraising done to pay for some lighting on the fields. Also, scoreboards will be going on fields #1 and #3. Wendorf stated that he does have some bids in the paper for some of the work that has to be completed and a stipulation in the bids state that work needs to be completed by May 1 before the season begins.

The next item on the agenda was the request for permission to dispose of City Property. Wendorf stated that the Park and Recreation Department has some items that are no longer in service and would like to dispose of the equipment. Wendorf stated that the old Zamboni which is stored in

the garage no longer works and would like to dispose of because it is just taking up space. Wendorf also stated that the 1992 Chevy S10 pick up truck no longer runs and the cost to repair would cost too much and also the 2006 Curtis snow plow that was replaced last year and the repairs on that would be too costly. Wendorf stated that he would need to bid these items out and if no bids are received they would take the items to Schultz wrecking.

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Sturm to give Wendorf permission to dispose of the property through the bidding process.

Willman questioned where the money from the sales would go. Sukow stated back to the general fund because it was that money that purchased the equipment.

***Carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was continued discussion and update on Aquatic Center Design process. Wendorf stated that Daniel Ayala sent some drawings up of the changes that were requested by the Park and Recreation Commission on the Aquatic buildings. Wendorf stated that when doing the bidding process they could make the breezeway optional and decide at a later date if the breezeway is something we would like. Wendorf did state that there would be an extra engineering cost with the breezeway. Sukow stated that he thought at the last meeting it was decided that the roof line would all be the same to cut down on some of the costs. Wendorf will relay the changes requested by the Park and Recreation Commission to Daniel Ayala from Water Technologies, Inc. Wendorf also stated that he would be meeting with the sub committee for the pool before the next meeting to finalize all changes requested. Willman questioned if the final design would be approved at the February meeting so that bids can go out in March. Wendorf stated that is the time line.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if there were any questions on his board report. Wendorf stated that he did receive a forestry grant for \$3,000.00 from American Transmission Company with no matching funds. Wendorf stated that Winterfest was the weekend of January 23, 24 and 25. Wendorf also stated that he is beginning to plan for the summer programs.

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Artac to approve monthly reports.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2015 at 4:15 p.m.

No public comment.

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Sturm, to adjourn at 4:47 p.m.

***Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith
Recording Secretary