

## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:15 p.m. at the Smith Center.

Members Present: Dave Sukow, Mike Willman, Brian Artac, Jean Ravn

Members Absent: Melissa Schroeder, John Burgener, Ben Debroux

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf

Visitors: Erik Pfantz, MP3, Kyle Gulke

\*\*\*Motion Artac, seconded by Sukow to approve the minutes from the May meeting.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

\*\*\*Motion Sukow, seconded by Ravn to approve the claims as presented.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

There was no public comment to begin the meeting.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the upcoming Merrill Outdoor Recreation Plan. Wendorf began the discussion by fielding questions regarding the online survey that Fred from NCWRPC sent a memo regarding for the commission to review prior to the meeting. Commissioner Sukow mentioned that he had trouble logging into the site with the link that was provided. Wendorf stated that he would send the direct link to him to allow access. The discussion was very positive and Commissioner Ravn mentioned that she really liked the questions. She suggested breaking the biking question into two parts to allow for a more specific answer as she felt the first question was too broad. Wendorf said he would make that change. Willman stated that after question 18 he was unable to continue but wasn't sure why and suggested that we make sure that we have the bugs worked out and changes made before making this live. Wendorf stated he would pass all the feedback onto Fred to have it running smoothly before we inform the public and invite them to partake. It was also suggested to have hard copies at several strategic locations for people that don't have access to the internet or refuse to use it. Wendorf stated that there will be some hard copies for those who wish to choose that route.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the Normal Park Restroom Project. Wendorf stated that work officially began on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and that progress will really take off from this point. As for a timeline, Wendorf stated that the project will continue on schedule in hopes to finish by the end of July. As with all outdoor projects this is weather dependent.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf mentioned that things have been very busy on all ends of the Parks & Recreation operations and that things are ready to go. Aquatic Center opening on June 9<sup>th</sup>, baseball tourney weekend of June 9<sup>th</sup>, June Dairy Breakfast on June 11<sup>th</sup>, to name a few to

kick off summer. Wendorf thanked his staff members for all of their outstanding work in helping make all of these things come together.

\*\*\*Motion Sukow, seconded by Artac to approve the monthly report given by Wendorf.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:15 p.m. at the Smith Center.

There was no public comment to conclude the meeting.

\*\*\*Motion Artac, seconded by Ravn to adjourn at 4:53 p.m.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

Dan Wendorf  
Recording Secretary