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FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission will have a meeting on **Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 4:15 p.m.**, at the **Merrill City Hall**.

Voting members of Commission: John Burgener, Jean Ravn, Brian Artac, Melissa Schroeder, Dave Sukow, Joan Tabor and Michael Willman.

The following items will be included on the agenda:

1. Approve minutes from previous meeting.
2. Approve claims.
3. Public Comment
4. Request permission to dispose of John Deere 2155 Tractor and 16' Rhino field mower.
5. Review Agra building Memorandum of Understanding with River District Development Foundation.
6. Request by Merrill Baseball Association to sell/hang league sponsor banners on fences at Lions Park.
7. Update on Stange Park Project
8. Monthly reports.
9. Set date for next meeting.
10. Public comment
11. Adjournment

Submitted by

Mike Willman

Mike Willman, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission

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"Focusing on the Future"

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

December 6, 2017

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

Members Present: Brian Artac, John Burgener, Dave Sukow, Jean Ravn, Joan Tabor, Melissa Schroeder and Mike Willman

Members Excused Absent:

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Kyle Gulke, Bill Dinges

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

***Carried unanimously.

***Motion by Artac, seconded by Burgener, to approve the claims.

Sukow stated that it is nice to see that next year we will not have to pay for porta potties at Normal due to the cost of them.

***Carried Unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was to discuss potential vendor fee for vendors at Labor Day festivities at Festival Grounds. Wendorf stated that this was sent back to the Park and Recreation Commission because it was our event and the Festival Grounds committee felt that we should be in charge of charging the vendors and coming up with the price. Wendorf stated that he spoke with City Administrator Dave Johnson and it was suggested that we charge between \$50.00 - \$100.00. Some of the commission members felt that was a little high due to the length of time the vendors would be there.

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Tabor to charge vendors a \$25.00 fee for the Labor Day festivities at the Festival Grounds.

***Carried Unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the River Bend Trail projects. Wendorf stated that the paving was complete and turned out very nice. The landscapers are done with the mulch and hydro seeding but that will need to be redone next year. Volunteers have put some hours beautifying the trail head last weekend. Wendorf also stated that the Agra building is coming along nicely.

The next item on the agenda was continued discussion on potential Agra Pavilion fees and maintenance agreement development. Wendorf stated that the River Bend trail committee meeting was postponed but he will keep the commission updated on the next meeting.

The next item on the agenda was an update and summary on 2018 capital projects. Wendorf stated that everything that the Park and Recreation Department requested was approved by the

City Council. Wendorf stated that he is excited about getting started on the projects and improvements being made to the parks.

The next item on the agenda is monthly reports. Wendorf asked if anyone had any questions. Wendorf stated another county has now been confirmed for Emerald Ash in Eau Claire. Wendorf stated 48 out of 72 counties have Emerald Ash. Wendorf stated that everything has been going smooth in the department. Wendorf stated that he would like to thank the employees of the Park and Recreation Department for all their hard work throughout the year.

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Schroeder to approve the monthly board report given by Wendorf.

***Carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

Public comment: no

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Burgener to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

***Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith
Recording Secretary

DEC

MECHANICAL INCORPATED	CITMER START UP IN RINK	11/17/2017	51375	\$1,760.73	55400-02-16250
ACE HARDWARE	LITE SIDING HOOK	11/28/2017		\$3.79	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	FILTERS/CORDS/LIGHT SET	11/28/2017		\$51.74	55400-08-82000
ACE HARDWARE	BAGS/LIGHT SET	11/28/2017		\$21.97	55400-08-82000
ACE HARDWARE	LED WAVING SNOWMAN	12/7/2017		\$179.99	55400-08-82000
ACE HARDWARE	CEMENT	12/8/2017		\$6.49	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	PVC PIPE/ADAPTER/ELBOW	12/8/2017		\$18.21	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	BATTERY	12/12/2017		\$17.98	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	RUBBER STRAP/BUNGEE CORD	12/21/2017		\$11.77	55200-03-40000
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	RENTAL ON CYCLINDERS	11/30/2017	515372	\$91.98	55200-02-15000
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	RENTAL ON HELIUM TANKS	11/30/2017	5220939	\$60.65	55200-02-15000
ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION	MEMBERSHIP	12/17/2017	87-0193-9009	\$15.00	55200-03-32000
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	CLEANING SUPPLIES	12/18/2017	10499484	\$437.50	55400-03-44000
BAJA'S	SHIRTS	12/18/2017	17435	\$420.00	55400-03-40000
BAUMGART WASTE REMOVAL	WASTE HAULING	11/4/2017		\$98.00	55400-02-23600
BAUMGART WASTE REMOVAL	WASTE HAULING	12/1/2017		\$226.00	55400-02-23600
BLOCK IRON & SUPPLY	HINGES	11/22/2017	514107	\$72.00	55200-03-40000
CAVE OF THE MOUNDS	BUS TRIP	12/15/2017	6052	\$100.00	55300-03-41500
COLOR CREATIONS	TEA PARTY TICKETS	12/21/2017	571	\$16.67	55300-03-41500
DOWN A COUNTRY ROAD	BUS TRIP	1/1/2018		\$350.00	55300-03-41500
DUANE KOHNHORST	DJ OPEN SKATE	12/13/2017	108	\$175.00	55300-03-41500
ENTRANCE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	AUTOMATIC DOOR SPECIALIST	12/10/2017		\$150.00	55400-02-16800
ETCO ELECTRIC SUPPLY	SUNRAY LAMP	12/13/2017	1271373	\$14.28	55400-03-50000
FASTENAL	CABLE TIES	12/7/2017	99343	\$36.53	55200-03-40000
FOTO NEWS/COURIER	ADVERTISING	12/1/2017		\$640.00	55400-03-41000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE	12/7/2017	6016631161	\$64.43	55200-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE	11/30/2017	601662376	\$64.43	55200-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	MATS/MOPS	12/21/2017	6016636787	\$180.41	55400-02-23250
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE	12/14/2017	6016633997	\$64.43	55200-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE	12/27/2017	6016636795	\$64.43	55200-03-46000

INTEGRITY FIRE PROTECTION	ANNUAL INSPECTION OF SPRINKLER	12/13/2017	53961	\$321.00	55400-02-16500
MECHANICAL INCORPATED	CHECK CHILLER	12/27/2017	51582	\$1,679.84	55400-02-16250
MENARDS	SAFETY CONES	12/13/2017	30160496	\$49.90	55200-03-40000
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MERRILL FOTO NEWS/COURIER	ADVERTISING	12/31/2017		\$625.00	55400-03-41000
MERRILL HOUSE OF MUSIC	DISCONNECT POOL EQUIP.	11/29/2017	1357248301	\$190.00	55400-03-40000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-21	12/13/2017	11754	\$1,672.78	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-21	12/21/2017	11769	\$233.47	55200-03-50000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	MARC CONCESSION	12/10/2017	106-00941-06	\$183.89	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	SOCCER BUILDING MARC	12/10/2017	106-00943-00	\$83.61	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	SMITH CENTER	12/10/2017	106-00944-00	\$529.09	55420-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	MARC	8/28/2017	106-00940-00	\$715.16	55400-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	LIONS PARK	8/28/2017	116-02440-00	\$418.12	55200-02-21000
MERRILL YOUTH HOCKEY	BIRTHDAY PARTIES	11/10/2017	167	\$100.00	55300-03-41500
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MOTIONS SPORTS	SKATE HELPERS	11/23/2017	805	\$1,600.00	55400-08-82000
NELSON'S POWER HOUSE	STIHL FS90	11/8/2017	53804	\$116.69	55200-03-50000
NORTH CENTRAL WI. REGIOANL PLANNING COM.	5 YEAR PLAN	1/1/2018	2018-024-405	\$5,000.00	CAPITAL 2018
PETERSON SAND & GRAVEL	SM LOADS DUMPING	1/2/2018	12439	\$15.00	55200-08-91000
PREMIER MANUFACTURING	BLACK BRASS PLATES	11/29/2017	4242	\$207.00	RIVER BEND BENCHES
RIESTERER & SCHNELL	BLADE	11/21/2017	1283661	\$69.87	55200-03-40000
RIESTERER & SCHNELL	WINDSHIELD	12/13/2017	1292128	\$731.14	55200-08-91000
RTL ELECTRIC	NORMAL PARK	11/30/2017	61990	\$1,738.10	26-31-5375
SOUTHSIDE TIRE	CARLISLE MULTITR CS	12/22/2017	387123	\$85.00	55200-03-50000
SUNRISE BROADCASTING	ADVERTISING	12/1/2017		\$174.00	55400-03-41000
SUNRISE BROADCASTING	ADVERTISING	12/1/2017		\$75.00	55400-03-41000
THE PRINCESS PARTY COMPANY	PRINCESS TEA PARTY	12/18/2017		\$1,200.00	55300-03-41500
WALMART	SUPPLIES	11/29/2017		\$93.34	55300-03-41500
WALMART	OFFICE SUPPLIES	12/18/2017		\$51.70	55200-03-10000
WISCONSIN BUILDING SUPPLY	INVOICE 483397	11/30/2017		\$57.90	55200-08-91000
WISCONSIN BUILDING SUPPLY	CEDAR BOARDS	12/1/2017	583639	\$846.72	55200-08-91000

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IST PLACE TROPHY	TROPHIES	8/1/2017	1725	\$25.00	55300-03-41500
AMERICAN WELDING	CYLINDER RENTAL	12/31/2017	5278346	\$45.53	55200-02-15000
AMERICAN WELDING	HELIUM	12/31/2017	5278917	\$62.27	55200-02-15000
BAUERNFEIND	COPY MACHINE	1/8/2018	54190	\$215.52	55300-03-41500
BAUMGART	WASTE HAULING	1/3/2018		\$30.00	55400-02-23600
BLOCK IRON & SUPPLY COMPANY	CLOSERS	1/8/2018	720065	\$1,044.28	26-31-5375
BLOCK IRON & SUPPLY COMPANY	DOOR LOUVER	1/15/2018	720252	\$103.72	55200-03-40000
DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP	TREEKEEPER SUB.	1/11/2018	912155936	\$1,800.00	55200-08-92000
DOUG WILLIAMS	BREAKFAST WITH SANTA	1/5/2018	VOUCHER	\$175.00	55300-03-41500
ETCO ELECTRIC SUPPLY	ULTRA SONIC CEILING	12/21/2017	1271373	\$96.39	55200-03-40000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE	12/28/2017	6016639617	\$64.43	55200-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE	1/4/2018	6016642391	\$64.43	55200-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	MAT/MOPS	1/18/2018	6016647897	\$180.41	55400-02-23250
LEIGHTON INTERACTIVE	WEBSITE HOSTING	1/15/2018	1540	\$420.00	55300-03-41500
MECHHANICAL INCORP.	CITMER-REFRIGERANT ALTER.	1/12/2018	51670	\$2,622.12	26-31-5360
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	CAN LINERS/TOWELS	1/5/2018	1416026	\$255.30	55400-03-50000
NASSCO	NEVEROUT TISSUE	1/15/2018	2277745	\$821.96	55400-03-50000
NASSCO	JUMBO TISSUE	1/22/2018	2281130	\$244.98	55400-03-50000
RIESTER & SCHNELL	BALL STUD	1/16/2018	1302952	\$73.56	55200-03-50000
RTL ELECTRIC	LION'S PARK IMPROVEMENTS	1/6/2018	62024	\$1,041.04	26-31-5369
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RTL ELECTRIC	SMITH BUILDING/LOCKER ROOM	1/9/2018	62039	\$299.50	55400-03-50000
SERVICE MOTOR COMPANY	PARTS FOR EQUIPMENT	1/5/2018	FW06583	\$133.56	55200-03-50000
SFX THEATRE PROJECT	SPONSOR	1/18/2018		\$100.00	55400-03-41000
SUNRISE BROADCASTING	ADVERTISEMENT	1/2/2018		\$498.00	55400-03-41000
SUNRISE BROADCASTING	ADVERTISEMENT	1/2/2018		\$75.00	55400-03-41000
WALMART	CLEANING SUPPLIES	1/10/2018		\$32.84	55400-03-40000
WISCONSIN BUILDING	CREDIT	1/10/2018	CREDIT	110.62 CR	CREDIT
WISCONSIN BUILDING	SUPPLIES	1/10/2018	16448	\$846.72	55200-08-91000
WPRA	MEMBERSHIP JIM YATES	1/5/2018	555-18	\$135.00	55200-03-32000

WPRA	MEMBERSHIP JOE WECKWERTH	1/5/2018	554-18	\$135.00	55200-03-32000
WPRA	MEMBERSHIP DAN WENDORF	1/5/2018	556-18	\$135.00	55200-03-32000
WPRA	MEMBERSHIP DAWN SMITH	1/6/2018		\$135.00	55400-03-32000
WPS	CONCESSION STAND	1/24/2018	405061701	\$36.65	55200-02-22000
WPS	SMITH CENTER	1/24/2018	405061701-000003	\$4,252.44	55400-02-22000

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF MERRILL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AND
THE RIVER DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (RDDF)**

The parties agree to the following:

1. Effective immediately, ownership of the structure commonly referred to as the Agra Pavilion located at the end of South Park Street on the River Bend Trail is vested in the City of Merrill as part of the River Bend Trail linear park.
2. With oversight by and cooperation with the City of Merrill, the RDDF shall continue to make improvements to the pavilion as funding becomes available to it. All such planned improvements shall be subject to the review and approval of the City of Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission and Department prior to construction or installation.
3. The City of Merrill – Parks and Recreation Department will be the sole entity responsible for scheduling the rental and use of the Agra Pavilion. It is acknowledged that the RDDF will be granted use of the Agra Pavilion for meetings and events, at no cost. All such meetings and events must be scheduled by December 31st of each year, for its use in the succeeding year.
4. The City of Merrill will determine the appropriate rental fees for the Agra Pavilion and process for reserving such rentals. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall establish a resident/non-resident fee structure for use of the facility.
5. Seventy-five percent (75%) of proceeds from Agra Pavilion rentals will be retained by the City of Merrill and Twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds will be distributed to the RDDF on a regular basis.
6. A 25% allocation reference above will be utilized by the RDDF for continued improvements and maintenance at the Agra Pavilion.
7. Upon completion of the Agra Pavilion, the City of Merrill, Parks and Recreation Department shall have possession and control of all keys to the facility.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2018

River District Development Foundation

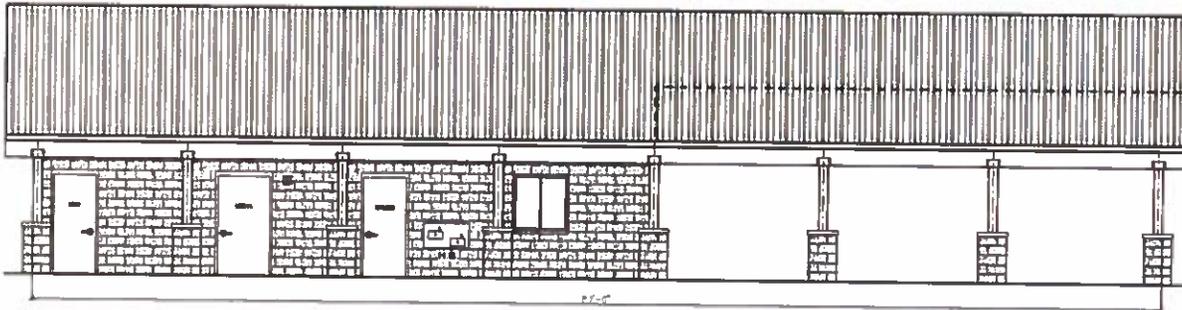
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Commission

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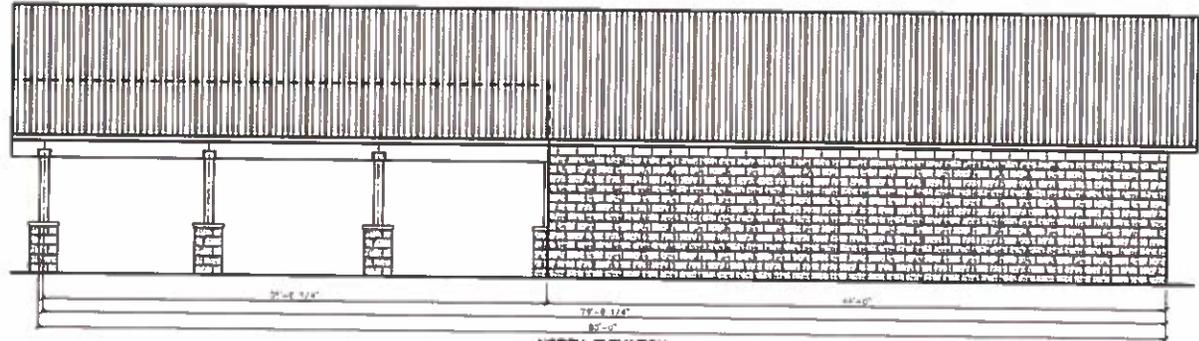
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Dan Wendorf, Parks and Recreation
Director

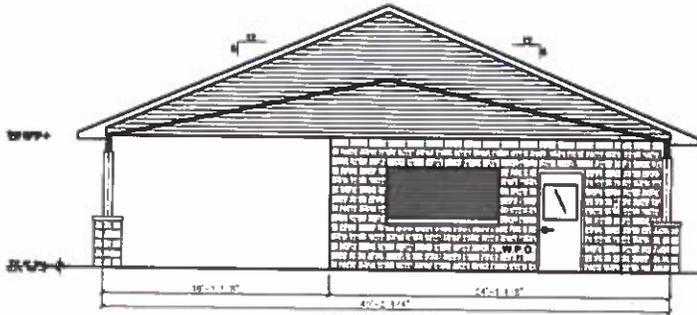
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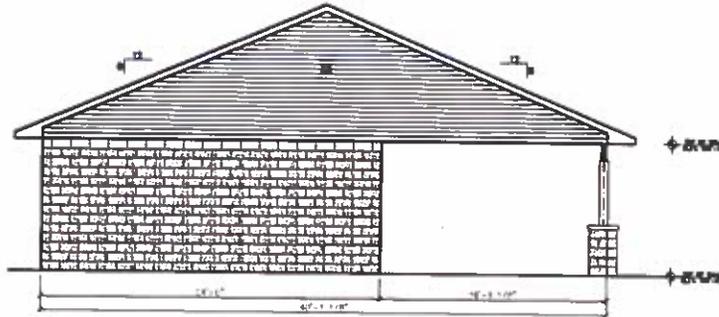
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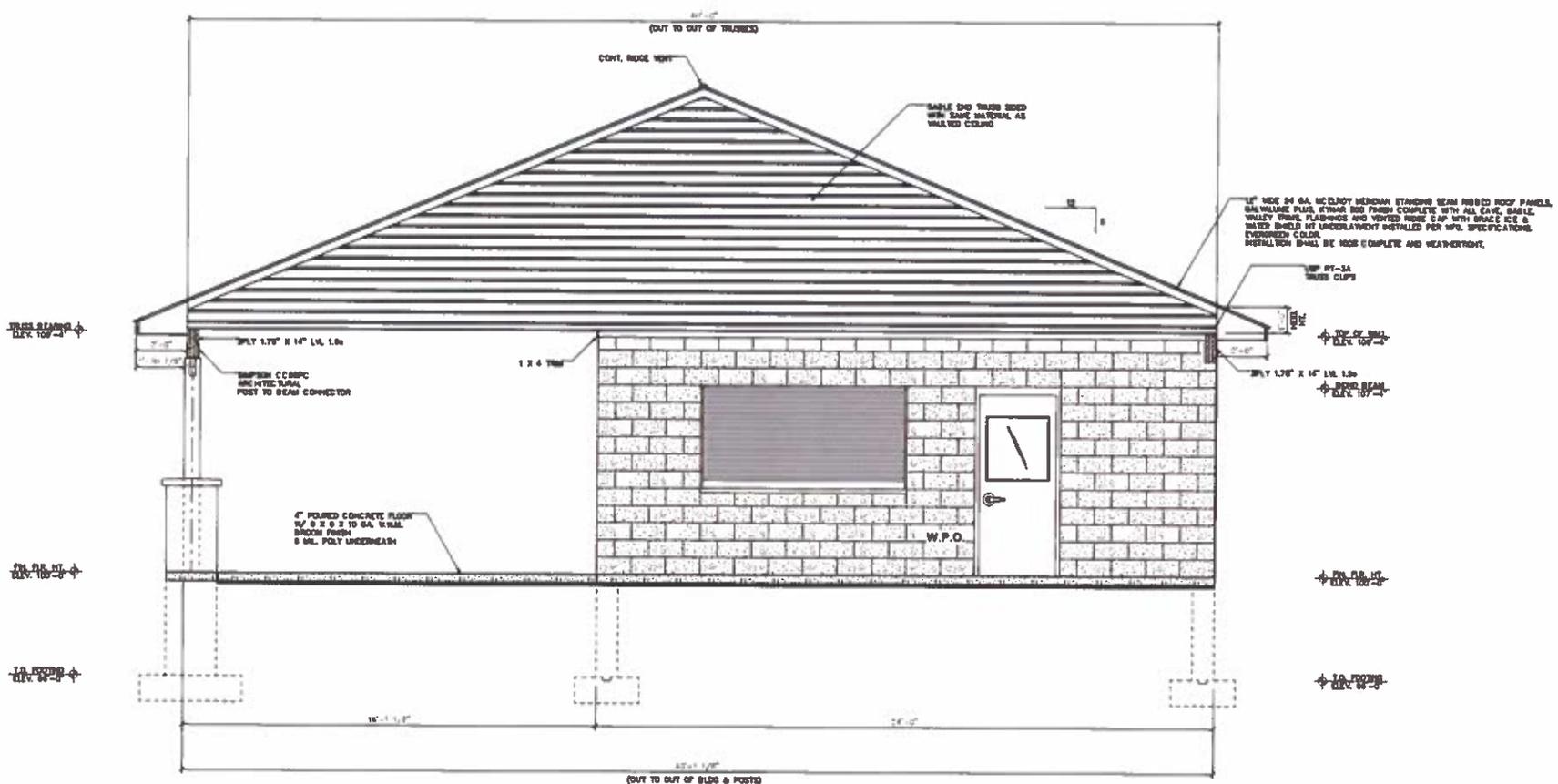
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PROJECT NO. 15-000001
 SHEET NO. 024 X 365
 DATE: 08/14/15
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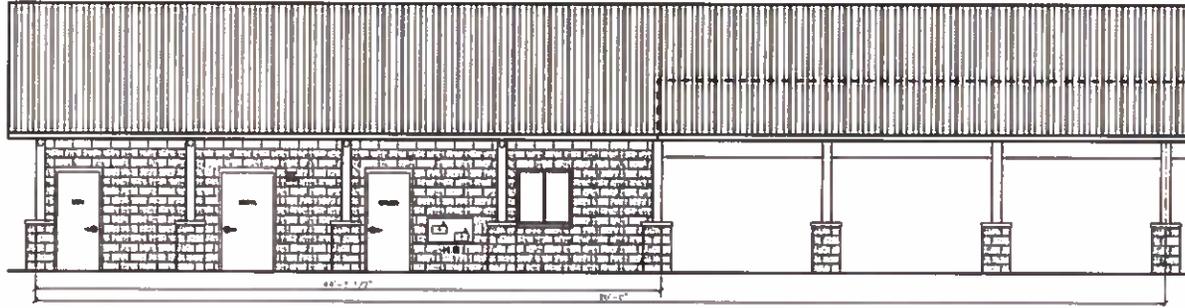
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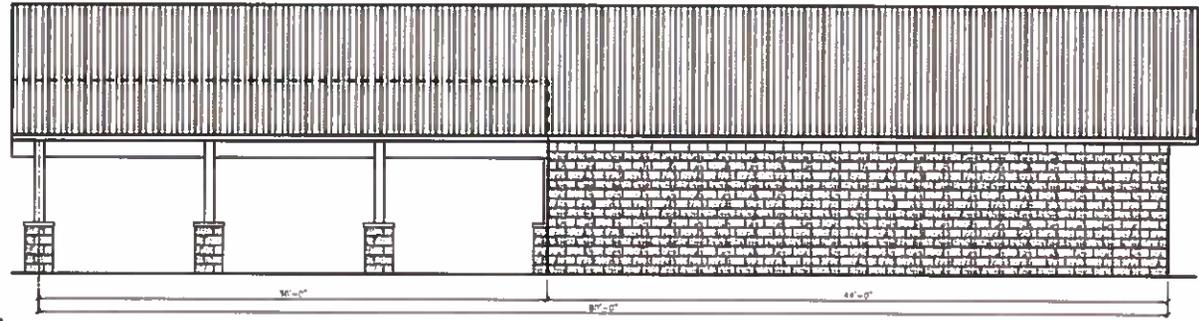
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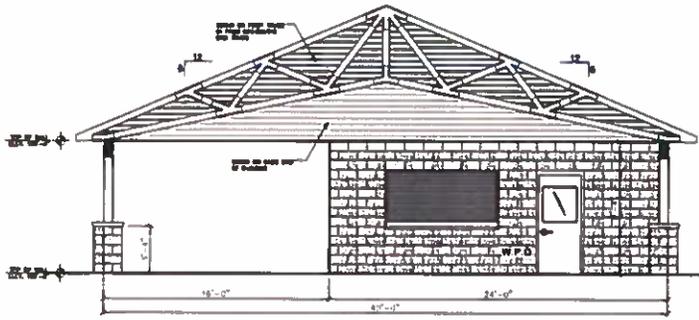
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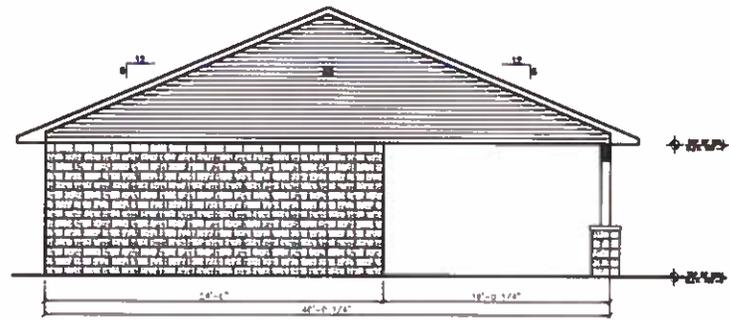
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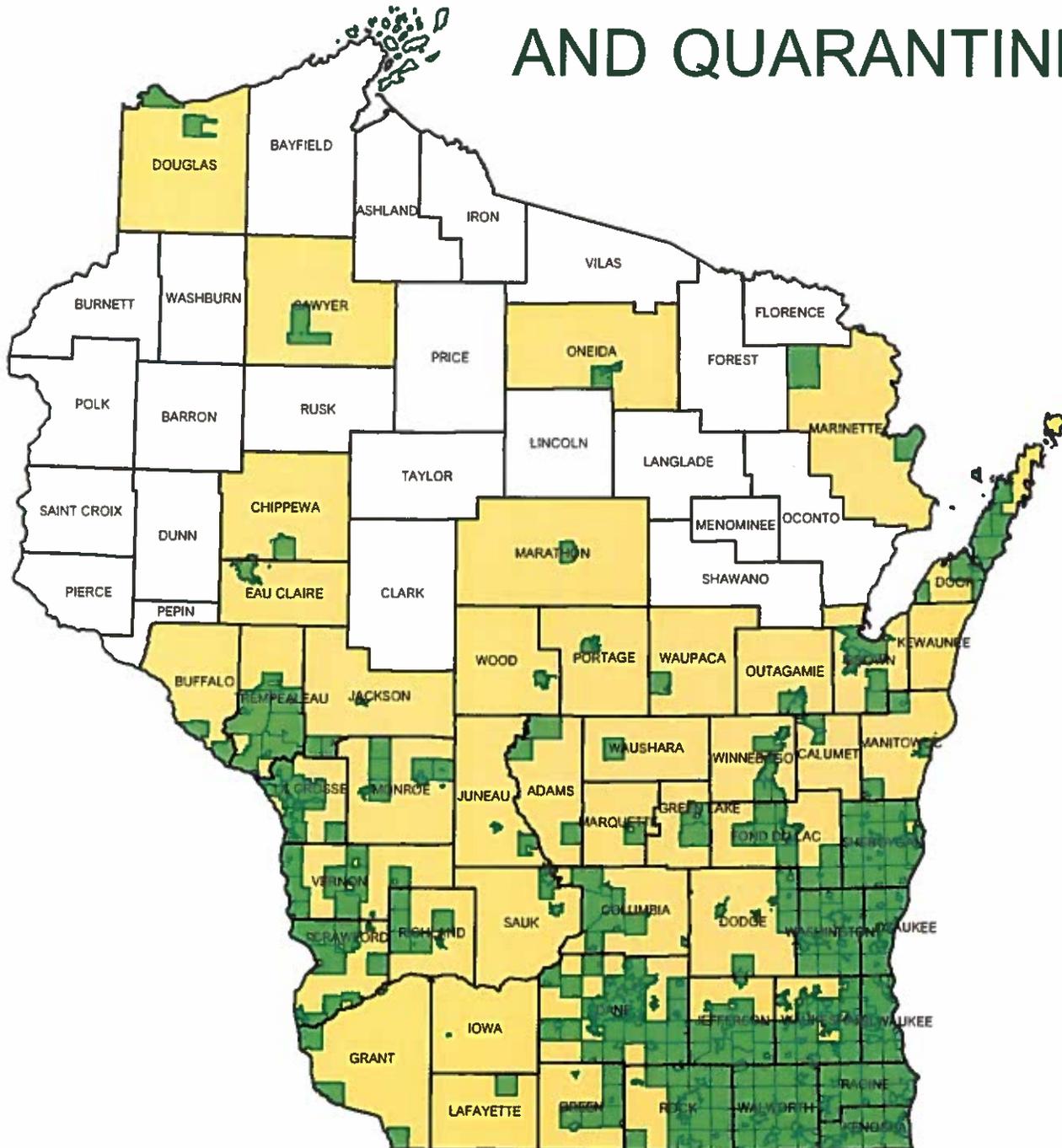
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PROPOSED ELEVATIONS
CITY OF MARSHALL, ST. MARIE, PARK
14' x 11' 0"
(24 x 36)
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EMERALD ASH BORER DETECTIONS AND QUARANTINE IN WISCONSIN



Most of Wisconsin is EAB-free, including most of the northern half and the yellow areas in all quarantined counties. EAB has been confirmed only in those cities, villages and townships colored dark green. By following quarantine rules and limiting the transport of ash wood and all firewood, we can slow down EAB's spread to the northern forests and un-infested communities in the south. Visit www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov for information on what you can do.

- Non-Quarantined County, No EAB Detections
- Quarantined
- EAB Confirmed Area in a Quarantined County



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February 2018 Parks & Recreation Director's Report

Parks: The weather has definitely been very much up and down and had an impact on our outdoor recreation so far this year. With the very cold start to the year we were able to build great rink conditions, but it was too cold to open them up and encourage use. We then went from too cold to too warm on a few occasions and had some water on the ice. We had a few average days mixed in that were enjoyable so hopefully we get a few weeks of good winter conditions to enjoy before we get to spring. We have also had a few decent snowfalls to test our removal skills and equipment. We were able to test out our new tractor and snow pusher that we purchased with it, and it worked very very well and we are pleased with it to say the least. I have been working with City Engineer Akey and an architect to try and finalize the plans and specifications for the Stange Park shelter/restrooms. I would like to have them finalized and out for bids so that we can review and approve them at the March Commission meeting. I have also met with Custom Manufacturing (bridge company) to look at the south bridge at Stange that needs to be replaced. They have already provided a quote for us to work with and I am waiting to hear back from WDNR to see what regulations they are going to make us comply with (or not). I have also been working on the other aspects of Stange Park revitalization project so that we see where we stand before we begin all projects. I also met with a person from Musco Sports Field Lighting in regards to the Athletic Park light replacement project. They are going to help with the specifications and had a few recommendations for us, including pre-emptively doing soil borings to determine what type of soil conditions we have. That will be helpful knowledge for potential bidders and for the project. I would like to do LED lights down there because they are used frequently but might have to raise some extra money to do that. It is looking like we are going to have to bring in a new electric service/upgrade because of the age (1974) of the existing and remove the existing fixtures and poles. So this is looking like a significant project, but we will find a way to get it done one way or the other. I received a \$5,000 grant from the WPS Foundation towards the project and am trying to pursue a joint grant with MAPS through the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. It is a very competitive grant and could award up to \$40,000 potentially if we are successful. I also met with RDDF Construction Committee at the Agra Pavilion in January to look at progress, as well as representatives for the potential of us renting the facility out as one of our park shelters. I have provided an updated Memorandum of Understanding for the joint agreement between our entities for the building when it is finished. I think we are closer to an agreement but would like the Commission to bless it with their thoughts and input as well. RDDF representatives that I have been working with have been very supportive of the agreement.

Forestry: I have been working on our Urban Wood Initiative to hopefully set up a system in which we can better utilize our street and park trees that have to be removed. This would allow best/better use rather than always throwing it on a firewood pile. I would like to use this process to provide our department (and other departments) with lumber for projects and repairs, as well as possibly sell other

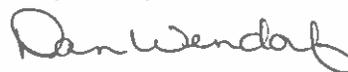
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or excess to other markets. This would include unique wood to wood artisans or specialized wood to local or regional mills or woodcraft businesses. As part of our new Wisconsin Urban Wood membership/involvement we now have access to a better database of people who do have interest. I will start tree inspections at the end of February to try and get ahead for pruning and removal schedules before spring arrives and the trees break dormancy. As always I hope that as spring nears that our weather "normalizes" a little bit more to prevent tree stress or injury. We have been fairly fortunate the past few years by avoiding really strange weather phenomena's and hopefully we can keep that streak going.

Recreation: Our winter recreation has been going for a while now. Our Little Dribblers program is going well but our numbers are down. This is a program that we will most likely have to re-create in the near future because the boys and girls traveling teams have lowered their ages, and it takes away half of our target audience. But I have a few ideas that I think might work and would like to possibly try for this next season. It is all about adapting and growing! We had to cancel our winter fest co-ed volleyball tournament this year due to low team numbers. It has been advertised very well and early enough but some years we simply cannot get the interest in time to run it. Seems like every other year we struggle to get people to motivate and sign up. But we will keep trying because the potential is definitely there, especially with all of the volleyball leagues in our area in the summer time. Plans are progressing nicely on Summer Recreation Programs and we hope to have them ready by the end of March to be able to publicize all spring and allow for time to sign up.

Smith Center: The ice has been going very good and surprisingly we are a little past the half way point for the season. We had to add some R22 refrigerant to our floor chiller system a few weeks ago. Over the past 22+ seasons our refrigerant levels have decreased/dissipated (which is common) and the unfortunate part of that is R22 is not produced anymore so it is very expensive (we purchased 60 lbs for \$1500). We should be good for now but I have asked Mechanical Inc. to research a few things for us moving forward. I have asked them to see what it would take and how much it would cost to switch the entire system over to a different type of refrigerant, and to look at how much it is going to cost to replace our entire chiller system. The latter is a longer term question, but one that needs to be looked at. There will be a cost/benefit for each component but we will ultimately need to weigh which option is in the best interest of our facility and department. Neither of these need to be answered right away, but are important questions to have a handle on heading into the future so we are prepared. Ice time has been very good to this point and we are set up for a very good finish to the season. Our open skate numbers and Friday adult hockey numbers have been fantastic again this year. We also have a lot of school group skating trips lined up to finish up the ice season. We have another very busy spring dry floor event season shaping up as soon as the ice comes out in mid-March. We are excited about hosting all of our events; and a new one this year for the Paper Cities Kennel Club in early April. They are bringing in a large dog show that will draw people from all over the state for the entire weekend. This will be a great opportunity to showcase our facilities here, as well as expose our entire community to a group of people who have never been to Merrill.

Respectfully Submitted,



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