

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. at the Smith Center.

Members Present: Kyle Gulke, Brian Artac, Dave Sukow, Joan Tabor, Kate Baker, Jean Ravn and Dan Novitch.

Members Excused Absent:

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Mayor Derek Woellner, and MP3:

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

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

\*\*\*Motion by Baker, seconded by Artac, to approve the claims from April.

Jean Ravn questioned the bill for the keys that were made. Wendorf explained that Ace Hardware does not make keys for us that say do no duplicate. New keys had to be made for Stange, Kitchenette and Normal Park. Ravn also questioned the soap dispensers. Wendorf explained that the Smith Center had to have new soap dispensers in all the bathrooms and locker rooms.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

City Administrator Johnson announced that the pocket park is complete. It will be called the Bankers Square. It will be turned over to the park department now that it is completed. Mayor Woellner stated that he has been talking with some hockey parents and they expressed an interest in having the ice in at the Smith Center for a longer season.

The next item on the agenda was a continued discussion on potential trail from Prairie Trails to the River Bend Trail. Wendorf stated that he is still in the process of talking with a few businesses to make sure that we would have permission to use their property. Wendorf stated that he thinks this would add a lot to the River Bend Trail and is excited to see where it goes.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if anyone had any questions. Wendorf stated that they are getting as much mowing done as possible and they are ready for the Aquatic Center to open. Wendorf stated that some of the pumps went out but that the cost to repair, all the labor to install and transportation will be covered by insurance. Pool is set to open June 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Wendorf stated that he did start planning and working on the gravel bed for the trees and trees will be planted in the spring of the year.

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

Wendorf thanked Katie Baker and her group of volunteers from Church Mutual for painting the shelter at Ott's park.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. Meeting location will be determined when and if the representative will be here for the skate park.

Public comment: Mayor Woellner stated that if anyone was interested in learning about residential solar power for the Smith Center the Lincoln County Service Center will be doing an informational meeting on it.

Dan Novitch stated that the Stange Park is really looking good.

\*\*\*Motion by Sukow, seconded by Artac to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith  
Recording Secretary