



CITY OF MERRILL

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JULY MEETING NOTICE

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission will have a joint meeting between Parks & Recreation Commission and Skate Park Committee on **Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.**, at the **Smith Center**.

Voting members of Commission: Kate Baker, Jean Ravn, Brian Artac, Kyle Gulke, Dave Sukow, Joan Tabor and Dan Novitch

The following items will be included on the agenda:

1. Approve minutes from previous meeting.
2. Approve claims.
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion on potential future skate park design with Vince Onel from Spohn Ranch Skate Parks.
5. Discuss potentially adopting "Bankers Square" (downtown pocket park) as a City Park.
6. Monthly reports.
7. Set date for next meeting.
8. Public comment
9. Adjournment

Submitted by

Dan Novitch
Dan Novitch, Chairperson *ams*

Parks and Recreation Commission

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JUNE

ACE HARDWARE	BRACKETS	6/3/2019		\$17.97	55420-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	ELECTRIC TAPE	6/5/2019		\$32.95	55400-03-4000
ACE HARDWARE	CORD FOR AQUATIC CENTER	5/6/2019		\$16.99	55300-03-41500
ACE HARDWARE	PARTS FOR SHOP	6/7/2019		\$4.17	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	CEMENT	6/7/2019		\$3.99	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	BLOCK FILLER	5/28/2019		\$41.98	55200-08-91000
ACE HARDWARE	PAINTBRUSH	5/28/2019		\$19.98	55200-08-91000
ACE HARDWARE	PARTS FOR SHOP	5/28/2019		\$115.96	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	TIE DOWN/CLEVIS SIP HOOK/CHAIN	6/5/2019		\$88.19	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	BATTERY MOTHERBOARD	6/11/2019		\$11.98	55420-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	KEYS/KEY RACK	6/13/2019		\$35.92	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	WEEDBLOCK	6/17/2019		\$39.96	55200-08-91000
ACE HARDWARE	MULCH	6/18/2019		\$61.90	55400-03-50000
ACE HARDWARE	FLOWER BED SUPPLIES MARC	6/18/2019		\$35.56	55400-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	MULCH	6/19/2019		\$49.90	55400-03-50000
ACE HARDWARE	PUSHBROOMTRASH CAN	6/14/2019		\$75.96	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	SILCOCK KEY	6/25/2019		\$5.58	55200-03-40000
AMERICAN WELDING	CO2 TANK FILLED	5/31/2019	53403	\$462.60	55420-03-50000
AMERICAN WELDING	CYLINDER RENTAL	5/31/2019	929	\$68.79	55300-03-41500
AMERICAN WELDING	CALCIUM CHLORIDE, HYPO CHLOR	6/6/2019	6392604	\$340.05	55420-03-50000
ANGELA SHELLENBURGER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/24/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
ASCENSION	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/21/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
BADGER SWIMPOOLS	DEWINTERIZE POOL	6/1/2019	46817	\$2,975.15	55420-03-40000
BAJA'S	SHIRTS FOR AQUATIC CENTER	6/5/2019	17745	\$212.50	55420-03-41500
BAJA'S	T-BALL/STARTER T-BALL	6/17/2019	17553	\$783.70	55300-03-41500
BAJA'S	BLACK SQUIRRELL MARKERS	5/14/2019	17731	\$30.00	BLACK SQUIRREL ACCOUNT
BAUMGART WASTE REMOVAL	WASTE HAULING	6/1/2019		\$148.00	55400-02-23600
BRICKNERS	PLOW	5/6/2019	414738	\$5,857.50	
CARLA EMMER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
CARQUEST	MOLY GREASE	6/12/2019	10846	\$40.40	55200-03-40000

CINTAS	MOPS/MATS	6/6/2019	4023356479	\$189.90	55400-02-23250
CINTAS	UNIFORMS	5/30/2019	1022879326	\$71.18	55200-03-46000
CINTAS	UNIFORMS	6/6/2019	40233564655	\$71.18	55200-03-46000
CINTAS	UNIFORMS	6/13/2019	12706286	\$71.18	55200-03-46000
CINTAS	UNIFORMS	6/20/2019	4024249201	\$71.18	55200-03-46000
DANIELE KOSTROSKI	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/17/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	FOOD FOR AQUATIC CENTER	6/10/2019		\$184.18	55420-03-40100
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	FOOD FOR AQUATIC CENTER	6/2/2019		\$110.70	55420-03-40100
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	FOOD FOR AQUATIC CENTER	6/6/2019		\$9.16	55420-03-40000
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	COLD PACKS AQUATIC CENTER	6/3/2019		\$16.95	55420-03-40000
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	FOOD FOR AQUATIC CENTER	6/5/2019		\$69.86	55420-03-40100
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	SUMMER PLAYGROUND	6/13/2019		\$11.48	55300-03-41500
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	AQUATIC CENTER	6/18/2019		\$104.28	55420-02-21000
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	AQUATIC CENTER	6/16/2019		\$53.83	55420-03-40100
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	AQUATIC CENTER	6/21/2019		\$1.98	55420-03-40000
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	AQUATIC CENTER	6/22/2019		\$57.79	55420-03-40100
DAWN STENKE	POOL REFUND	6/16/2019	VOUCHER	\$30.00	
DENISE WITTER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/1/2419	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
DIANE SCHULT	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/24/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
FASTENAL	SHOP SUPPLIES	6/19/2019	108568	\$0.47	55420-03-40000
GINGER OSNESS	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/17/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
HAVEN	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/18/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
HEATHER BLOCK	REFUND SUMMER PLAYGROUND	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$300.00	
HORST DISTRIBUTING	RAKE CONNECT STRAP	6/14/2019	78876-000	\$35.84	55200-03-50000
JEFF BARTZ	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/17/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
JEFF DAUTERMAN	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/19/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
JESSICA FREITAG	REFUND SUMMER PLAYGROUND	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$97.50	
JIM YATES	BOOTS	6/17/2019		\$149.99	55200-03-46500
JORDAN GABRIELSEN	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
JULIE BELFIORI	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/19/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
KANDY PETERSON	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
KATERI ACHTERBERG	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200

KATERI ACHTERBERG	REFUND ON PARK	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$65.00	45200-46722
KELLY LEISKAU	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
KIM SKIFF	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/19/2019	VOUCHER	\$100.00	AGRA PAVILION
LEIGHTON INTERACTIVE	WEBSITE	2/14/2019	3129	\$420.00	55400-03-41000
LINDER ELECTRIC MOTORS	REPAIRED AURORA PUMPS	6/7/2019	57858	\$4,532.00	TIC CENTER NON LASPE ACCT.
MABLE FROMFELD	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
MATT KLEMENT	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/24/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
MECHANICAL INCORPORATED	CHILLER SHUT DOWN	5/23/2019	54082	\$485.00	55400-02-16250
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/6/2019	1489463	\$283.09	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/7/2019	1489748	\$181.26	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/6/2019	1489558	\$52.02	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	FOOD FOR AQUATIC CENTER	5/30/2019	1488754	\$1,251.52	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/11/2019	148990	\$383.24	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/11/2019	1489987	\$1,442.00	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/13/2019	1490386	\$145.79	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/18/2019	1490726	\$52.19	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/18/2019	1490725	\$256.27	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/25/2019	1491666	\$204.14	55420-03-40100
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-69	5/21/2019	14305	\$36.05	55200-03-5000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-18	5/20/2019	14304	\$2,495.53	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-13	5/28/2019	14311	\$153.16	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-13	5/13/2019	14297	\$536.57	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-1	5/1/2019	14288	\$54.51	55200-03-50000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	HYDRANT	7/10/2019	399-30140-00	\$415.70	55420-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	LIONS PARK	7/10/2019	116-02440-00	\$331.85	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	STANGES PAVILION	7/10/2019	116-02640-13	\$182.17	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	STANGE'S KITCHENETTE BATHROOM	7/10/2019	112-01540-13	\$113.98	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	STANGES KITCHENETTE	7/10/2010	112-01440-13	\$24.27	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	SOCCER BUILDING	7/10/2019	106-00943-00	\$107.60	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	AQUATIC CENTER	7/10/2019	106-00944-00	\$2,178.42	55420-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	MARC	7/10/2019	106-00940-00	\$497.73	55400-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	MARC CONCESSION STAND	7/10/2019	106-00941-06	302-79	55200-02-21000

MERRILL WATER UTILITY	OTTS PARK SHELTER	7/10/2019	102-38140-13	\$24.27	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	OTTS PARK BATHROOM	7/10/2019	102-38040-13	\$63.71	55200-02-21000
MID WISCONSIN BEVERAGE	AQUATIC CENTER	6/17/2019		\$526.34	55420-03-40100
MIKE LANDES	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
NASSCO	TORK MATIC HARD ROLL TOWEL	6/17/2019	2483387	\$392.60	55200-03-40000
NELSON'S POWER HOUSE	OIL	5/28/2019	30623	\$31.29	55200-03-40000
NELSON'S POWER HOUSE	AUTOCUT TRIMMER	6/12/2019	30967	\$31.95	55200-03-50000
NEW TESTAMENT	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/24/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
NORTHWOODS NURSERY	DONATION OF TREES	5/10/2019	75574	\$1,105.00	DONATION FROM WPS/ATC
NORTHWOODS NURSERY	AQUA SEAL DRAIN SEAL MINI	6/7/2019	230099	\$401.03	55200-03-40000
ONE WAY COLLISION	CHEV CAB	5/23/2019	7773	\$152.72	55200-03-50000
PARK CITY CREDIT UNION	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/24/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
PEPSI	AQUATIC CENTER	6/3/2019	10931	\$780.24	55420-03-40100
PER MAR SECURITY	SECURITY CHECK	6/8/2019	1203870500	\$471.96	55400-02-16500
PER MAR SECURITY	SECURITY POOL	6/8/2019	62781	\$763.80	55420-02-95000
PETERSON BROS SAND AND GRAVEL	CONCRETE SAND	6/1/2019		\$120.00	55200-08-91000
PHYSICO CONTROL	AQUATIC CENTER	6/3/2019		\$197.20	TIC CENTER NON LASPE ACCT.
PRECISION LASER CUTTING	FOLDING BOLLARD	5/5/2019	29367	\$130.00	55200-08-91000
PREMIER	BLACK BRASS PLATE ETCHED	6/20/2019	10860	\$23.00	RIVER BEND BENCH
REINDERS	TURFACE LIONS PARK	6/3/2019	2410375	\$1,680.00	LIONS PARK IMPROVEMENTS
RENE DALEY	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/18/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
RENEE LEUDTKE	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/24/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
REV. SCOTT GUSTOFSON	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
RIESTERER & SCHNELL	PARTS FOR SHOP	6/12/2019	1564454	\$5.68	55200-03-50000
SAM'S CLUB	FOOD FOR AQUATIC CENTER	6/10/2019		\$293.94	55420-03-40100
SAM'S CLUB	FOOD FOR AQUATIC CENTER	5/31/2019		\$381.46	55420-03-40100
SERVICE MOTOR COMPANY	BLADE	6/12/2019	6810	\$122.68	55200-03-50000
SILVER CREEK SERVICES LLC	OUTDOOR PORTA POTTIES	6/3/2019	167147	\$250.00	55200-02-15000
SUNRISE BROADCASTING	ADVERTISING	5/30/2019		\$249.00	55400-03-41000
TALL PINES COMMUNITY GARDEN	GARDEN FOR SUMMER PLAYGROUND	6/10/2019		\$120.00	
TERRI GRASSER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
THE COSMO THEATRE	SUMMER PLAYGROUND	6/17/2019	91719	\$500.00	55300-03-41500

TOM SMITH	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
TONY CAMMECK	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
TOTAL TOOL	LIFT PUMPS IN & OUT OF PUMP PIT	6/10/2019	4953540	\$29.54	55420-03-40000
TREVA SCHMIDT	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/24/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
TRINITY PRESCHOOL	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
VAN ERT	ATHLETIC LIGHTS	5/24/2019	30166	\$12,500.00	CAPITAL ATHLETIC PARK
VAN ERT	ATHLETIC LIGHTS	5/24/2019	30167	\$26,304.30	CAPITAL ATHLETIC PARK
VIP OFFICE PRODUCTS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5/30/2019	106172001	\$82.44	55300-03-41500
WALMART	SUPPLIES FOR SUMMER PLAYGROUND	6/10/2019		\$41.36	55300-03-41500
WALMART	SUPPLIES FOR AQUATIC CENTER	6/7/2019		\$48.11	55420-03-40100
WALMART	SUPPLIES FOR AQUATIC CENTER	6/3/2019		\$64.73	55420-03-40100
WALMART	SUMMER SUPPLIES	6/19/2019		\$67.25	55300-03-41500
WALMART	SUMMER PROGRAMS	6/20/2019		\$67.26	55300-03-41500
WALMART	VOLLEYBALLS	6/21/2019		\$17.94	55300-03-41500
WAUSAU CHEMICAL	ACID	6/19/2019	306699	\$105.70	55420-03-40000
WAUSAU CHEMICAL	ACID	6/19/2019	296585	\$677.25	55420-03-40000
WAUSAU CHEMICAL	CALCIUM CHLORIDE, HYPO CHLOR	5/30/2019	295962	\$1,144.75	55420-03-50000
WAUSAU CHEMICAL	HYPO CHLOR	6/6/2019	296367	\$1,726.10	55420-03-50000
WAUSAU CHEMICAL	SODIUM BICARBONATE	6/13/2019	296490	\$350.85	55420-03-40000
WEST SIDE MARKET	DRY CLEANING BUNNY SUIT	6/3/2019		\$97.80	55300-03-41500
WILLY SCHELBERT	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/10/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
WPS	MARC	7/5/2019	0405061701-00018	\$61.60	55200-02-22000
WPS	MARC CONCESSIONS	7/5/2019	0405061701-00011	\$103.96	55200-02-22000
WPS	SMITH CENTER	6/18/2019	0405061701-00003	\$1,294.80	55200-02-21000
XANDER BEINFANG	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/18/2019	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
ZOELLNER'S GREEN HOUSE	PLANTS	6/17/2019	6426	\$108.75	55200-08-92000

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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 7th 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



Needle and leaf diseases are back!

Posted on June 4, 2019

Mike Hillstrom, forest health specialist, Fitchburg, Michael.Hillstrom@wisconsin.gov, 608-513-7690

It's nearly summer and the usual cast of disease characters are on the scene following wet spring conditions. Rhizosphaera needlecast and other needle diseases impacting spruce continue to be a major concern for landowners and homeowners. Diseases in hardwoods are also popping up. For more information on needle and leaf diseases affecting trees in Wisconsin and resources to learn more, click below to read full article.

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Spruce trees impacted by *Rhizosphaera* needlecast.

Non-native blue spruces are the most severely impacted by needle diseases, particularly *Rhizosphaera* needlecast, but wet weather in the last two years has also caused disease build-up in native white spruce. In southern Wisconsin, wet, heavy snow in late April knocked diseased needles off infected spruces to dramatic effect in some instances.

Increasing air circulation is key to management. Symptoms of needle diseases on spruce trees usually progress from inside to outside and bottom to top. Pruning lower branches, which is best when done from October to March, keeping grass underneath short and thinning overcrowded trees will all help prevent disease issues. On infected trees, prune out infected branches and rake up and dispose of

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diseased needles under the trees. Applying a fungicide can further help control spruce needles diseases. For more information see the [Rhizosphaera needlecast webpage](#) from UW-Extension.

As trees continue to leaf out over the next few weeks, forest health staff anticipate seeing a rise in other common spring tree diseases that affect hardwoods.

Anthracnose infection has been very common in recent years. Symptoms appear as patches of brown, dead leaf tissue which may cause leaves to curl or shrivel up as damage progresses. Anthracnose impacts maples, oaks and other hardwood species but the effects are often most dramatic on ash. Ash infected in early spring often drop the diseased leaves resulting in trees with very thin-looking crowns. Frost damage can contribute to this early leaf drop as well. No need to worry, the trees will send out new leaves as needed. Lots of other leaf diseases can affect hardwoods, but the symptoms often look worse than they actually are with most trees recovering by early summer.

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Brown, dead areas of leaf tissue on ash leaves caused by anthracnose.

There are many other needle diseases that impact conifers. Some can be serious and should be properly diagnosed and treated. If you own several acres of land and are concerned about the health of your trees, contact your local forest health specialist. If you have a few trees in your yard, contact your local county extension office or find a certified arborist. Yard tree samples can also be brought or mailed to the University of Wisconsin Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic. Collection and storage instructions can be found in this publication. Follow instructions for evergreen branches if you are submitting samples from a conifer.

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Pocket Park

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July 2019 Parks & Recreation Director's Report

Parks: Summer is looking like it is finally here and we have been off to a great start in our parks. We were able to get the pool pumps rebuilt, reinstalled, and up and running in time for opening day on June 7th. A special thanks to our Parks employee Jim Yates for his hard work in seeing this through from start to finish and ensuring that we were ready for the public. The first few weeks of the aquatic center have been very good, when the weather has been nice our attendance has been great. Unfortunately we have had some stretches of poor weather as well. We are hoping that this recent warm up helps boost our numbers consistently higher for the remainder of the season. I have noticed a lot of bikes being ridden out to the Aquatic Center, which is always great to see! We are finally getting caught up with our entire grass cutting throughout all of our parks. Between the unusually wet spring, along with some other events (pool pumps and start up) it was a challenging start to our summer season. We are at full staff now with seasonals and everyone is working very hard. It is great to be at full seasonal staff so we can get a lot of projects done in the short amount of time that we have enough people to do them. The boys' youth baseball tournament was a tremendous success in early June. There were over 30 teams in our beautiful community for three days and we were able to showcase our park facilities at Lions, Ott's, and Athletic Park. We are also hosting the Little League Northern Division All Star first round tournament at Lion's Park on July 8, 9, 10. This will once again bring a lot of people to Merrill and again showcase our parks. The lights at Athletic Park have been working very well and visiting teams and their families love them. They have been used quite frequently (more than 11 times☺) thus far and we have a lot of baseball left at Athletic Park. Work on the Normal Park Optimist Playground will begin at some point in July and will finish in August. This playground will be a tremendous asset to not only Normal Park, but for our entire community and we are very thankful for the generous and lasting contribution from the Merrill Noon Optimist Club. Our park rentals have been on the rise (better late than never) as of late. It is very nice to see our two newest park facilities (Stange and Agra Pavilion) being sought after now. They are right at the top of rental requests and will only continue to gain popularity as people use them.

Forestry: I have still been pretty steady with tree inspection calls and have been trying to fit them in when I can. There have been no major health issues with our public trees that I have observed. I have noticed some of our younger trees with some mortality and stress, but I attribute this to the record breaking snowfall. Some of the young trees show stress after being buried deeply in the snowpack or due to being hit with flying snow from plows. Another issue is sand/salt exposure that can have seasonal and potentially lasting effects. We will replace those that don't make it in 2020 because transplant shock can also be in play as a symptom as well. I will be ordering trees and setting up a summer planting very soon as well. We were fortunate to receive funding this year for planting more trees and I would like to do this while we have ample staffing to handle it this time of year. The only trick is to plant in locations

that I know the adjacent property owners will water them. We don't have the ability to water all of our young trees and it really goes a long ways to simply put a few gallons of water on the trees after transplanting them for the first few months. We will still do our normal fall tree planting like normal this October or November.

Recreation: Summer recreation season has begun and is in full swing. All of our programs have gotten off to a great start with great numbers and no issues at all. We are fortunate to have a great group of seasonal staffers helping us run all of our programs and we appreciate all that they do for us. We would not have the numbers we have or the strong programs if it were not for everyone working together and delivering a great product. To date, our Summer Playground number limit is proving to be a great idea. It has helped with controlled numbers, better interaction with our staff members, and easier to split into groups for trips and activities. We will continue to evaluate this as summer rolls along to determine if this is something we will continue into next season or adjust. We still have a long ways to go with summer programs with many programs yet to come and we are looking forward to every one of them.

Smith Center: The Smith Center has been a very busy "rainy day" location for Summer Playground with the amount of poor weather days we experienced to start the season, but it works very well for that purpose. We have been trying to get some odds and ends maintenance projects done in between time. The June Dairy Breakfast on June 9th was very successful once again. They served well over 1000 people again this year and we are very happy to host the event in our building. I have received word that our dehumidifiers have been finished and are being shipped our way. I am working on scheduling that install for the next few weeks so that everything is done in plenty of time before we get ready to install the ice in a few months. I have also ordered the flooring that we had budgeted initially, then removed during the veto, then a partial amount reinstated (\$5,000). I need to thank Merrill Ice Reflections and Merrill Youth Hockey for helping us with the additional funding needed to order the flooring. We are going to do the install ourselves to save additional money. We are going to install rubber flooring from inside the public restrooms through the commons area outside of them and into the community room. It will be a great improvement for the building and will allow people to keep their skates on if they need to use the restroom or purchase concessions. It is also easier on maintaining the rubber flooring versus cement floors that chip and flake, causing us to have to resurface/paint every few years.

Respectfully Submitted,



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