

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

November 6, 2019

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

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

Members Excused Absent:

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: City Administrator Hunter Lane from MP3, Mike Ravn

\*\*\*Motion by Artac, seconded by Baker to approve the minutes from the October meeting.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

\*\*\*Motion by Baker, seconded by Vanlieshout, to approve the claims from October.

Ravn questioned what the bill was for from Baumgart Waste Removal for 2018. Wendorf stated that Baumgart forgot to bill us for the 2018 summer season.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

The next item on the agenda was the 2020 budget update. Wendorf stated that they were still in the process of approving the 2020 budget. Wendorf stated that a couple items he knows has been removed from capital like the docks at Ott's Park, the solar panel at the Smith Center, the parking lots have been revamped, so instead of redoing them they will crack seal them, and the flooring in the office has been reduced from \$15,000 to \$5,000. Final budget meeting is November 12th.

The next item on the agenda is to discuss and invite future projects and initiatives. Novitch stated that this is a little bit of homework for the commission members. Novitch stated that with some creative thinking maybe some programs can be upgraded or improved, maybe some new ideas for some programs, some recreation projects and etc. If you do have a ideas to let Dan Wendorf know and some items could be included in on the 10 year plan.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf stated that the weather has not been favorable for tree planting so the chances are good that trees will be planted in the spring of next year. Wendorf stated that he would go to the homes of the people where trees were marked to be planted and let them know that planting will take place in Spring and that they will have to make sure that they water the trees at least twice a day. Wendorf stated that the first draft of the skate park was completed and was sent back for changes. Wendorf and Heather O'Neill felt that the design didn't offer what was asked for so it was sent back with some changes to be made. Ravn questioned if the River Rat has been put back up. Wendorf stated that they are waiting on the enclosure to be completed. Wendorf stated that there has been some damage done at Normal park again. The doors were kicked in, toilet paper all over the bathroom, and toilets plugged.

Baker questioned if there were camera's and Wendorf stated no, but thought about putting some trail cam's up. Wendorf stated that people need to have pride in the community and in the parks.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

\*\*\*Motion by Ravn, seconded by Baker to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith  
Recording Secretary