

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

March 11, 2020

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

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

Members Excused Absent:

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Hunter Lane from MP3, Ryan Bartz, Dakota Branski, Heather O'Neil, Nathan Brzornowski, Patrick Perra, Kurt Perra

***Motion by Artac, seconded by Ravn to approve the minutes from the February meeting.

***Carried unanimously.

***Motion by Ravn, seconded by Vanlieshout, to approve the claims from February.

Artac questioned what the Tree keeper subscription was. Wendorf stated that is what he uses to keep track of the trees in the city and works well. Vanlieshout questioned what the surveillance cameras were for. Wendorf stated that they were for the Agra building because of all the vandalism there. Wendorf stated the city paid half and the River Bend Trail paid for half.

***Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

The next item on the agenda was to discuss potential tree planting requirements for new developments/construction. Wendorf stated that Kyle brought this agenda item up and thought it was a good idea. The requirements would be to replace some of the trees that were removed for construction. Vanlieshout stated that Wendorf should work on a resolution that pertains more for the City of Merrill and bring it back to the commission.

The next item on the agenda was a continued discussion on the 10 year Capital Plan. Wendorf stated that this is something that will continue to be on the agenda and if anyone has ideas, suggestions or changes to voice their opinion.

The next item on the agenda was to review/potentially approve Skate Park Design. Wendorf stated that they have been working with Spohn Ranch on a design and went over the designs. Wendorf stated that the park would be 22,000 square feet and will be located west of the Smith Center. Mayor Woellner questioned if the pictures were to scale and also that one of shaded areas is facing directly at the sun so it should be moved. Vanlieshout questioned if the fence was going to cause some problems with snow removal. Wendorf stated that they will have to move the fence in a little. Vanlieshout also questioned what the cost would be. Wendorf stated around one million to one and a half million. Heather O'Neil stated that she thought the design was great and would bring in people from different communities.

***Motion by Vanlieshout, seconded by Artac to approve the design for the skate park.

***Carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if anyone had any questions. Wendorf stated that the weather has been perfect and hopefully with the slow snow melt it will be easier to get the fields ready. Wendorf also encouraged people who are looking for seasonal jobs to apply for the Park and Recreation seasonal jobs.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

***Motion by Artac, seconded by Ravn to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

***Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith
Recording Secretary