

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

May 6, 2020

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met virtual on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.

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

***Motion by Vanlieshout, seconded by Ravn to approve the minutes from the March meeting.

***Carried unanimously.

***Motion by Artac, seconded by Tabor, to approve the claims from March.

***Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

The next item on the agenda was to review and approve City forest timber sale. Wendorf stated that there is approximately 43 acres that need to be cut. Wendorf stated that they are working with DNR on getting the sale set up again. Wendorf stated that they would be looking for a minimum bid and anything under that bid they would not accept.

***Motion by Artac, seconded by Vanlieshout to approve the City Forest timber sale.

The next item on the agenda was to begin discussion COVID-19 potential impacts on Aquatic Center. Novitch stated that because agenda number 5 and 6 were closely related that both items would be discussed at the same time. Novitch asked Wendorf to talk about what has been going on with the programs at this point. Wendorf stated that he has been on daily Zoom meeting with WPRA regarding the aquatic center and programs. Wendorf stated that at this time it is the earliest for opening the aquatic center would be end of June beginning of July. Wendorf also stated that staffing may be an issue. Wendorf stated that he has a meeting with surrounding communities on Friday in regards to the aquatic center and how they will be moving forward. Novitch suggested that the Park and Recreation Commission should set up a special meeting next week after Wendorf meets with surrounding communities to discuss the potential impact on the aquatic center and summer recreation programs. A special virtual meeting date has been set for Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 4:15.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if anyone had any questions. Wendorf stated that he has and will keep working on upcoming programs for the summer. Wendorf stated that at this time there has been a lot of cancellations of reservations.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

***Motion by Artac, seconded by Ravn to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

***Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith
Recording Secretary