

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

February 3, 2010

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 4:15 p.m., at the City Hall.

Members Present: Dan Novitch, Dave Sukow, Joan Tabor & Steve Hintze

Members Excused Absent: Ted Nickel, Mike Willman & Jesse Bolder

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

Visitors: Nick Beversdorf from MP3,

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Hintze, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as printed.

***Carried unanimously

***Motion by Hintze, seconded by Tabor, to approve the claims from previous month as presented.

Wendorf stated that the bill from Bluestem Forestry Consulting, Inc will be reimbursed through the Urban Forestry Tree Grant.

***Carried unanimously

The first item on the agenda was discussion/possible recommendation on former Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Ranger Station site and related correspondence(s). Novitch stated that no action would be taken on this item until next month and this was just going to be a discussion about the property. Wendorf stated that he has been talking to the DNR person in charge of the building and also with the State Historical Society in regards to the building. Wendorf stated it is not listed as a historical building but is eligible to be. Wendorf has been working with Chip Brown with the historical society to see what regulations would have to be followed according to the regulations set forth by the historical society. Wendorf stated that he would like to have Attorney Tom Hayden come to the next meeting to talk about Wis. Stats. 44.40. Hintze questioned what plans Dan had for this building and that he doesn't want to take something to the City Council if the Park and Recreation Department is unsure of the usage of the building. Hintze also questioned about the expense of the building, Hintze stated that even though the building is selling for a \$1.00 it is going to cost the City a lot more than a \$1.00 to operate the building. Wendorf stated that he spoke with WPS and the average cost for the building for gas was \$140.00 a month and average cost for electric for 3 years was \$146.00. Novitch suggested that Wendorf try and break down the cost on what it would be for a year to move the shop there and also check on insurance. Novitch stated that this item would be brought back to next months meeting.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports given by Wendorf. Wendorf stated that he is currently working on the grant for Riverside Park for a boarding dock and boat launch plus having handicap trials connect them all. Wendorf stated that they may not have to go through a formal grant. Wendorf stated that he would like to thank Mike Willman for all his help on the project at Riverside Park. Wendorf stated that the Emerald Ash Readiness Plan passed through

the City Council. Wendorf stated that Badger State Games will not be played at the Smith Center due to lack of teams.

***Motion by Sukow, seconded by Hintze to approve the board report given by Wendorf.

***Carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is public comment. There was no public comment.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 3 at 4:15 p.m., at the Smith Center.

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

***Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith
Recording Secretary