

## Park Board Meeting

March 10, 2015

### City Hall

**Present:** Jack Walsh, Michael Haeffner, Mike Handevitd, Lynne Anderson, George Tauer, Jacqueline Knips, John Tate.

**Absent:** Mike Gilbert, Mike Gruhlke

Jacqueline Knips was invited to our meeting and introduced to the group. She is the new County Parks Director for Cottonwood and Jackson Counties. She works in Jackson on Wednesday-Friday each week.

1. **Historical Society Story Boards:** Michael reported that the City Council will vote on the payment to the Historical Society for the materials purchased for the Story Boards at their next meeting. That bill will then be paid.
2. **Ashley Park Improvements:** Priority is lights, new door on shelter house and playground equipment. Michael H. contacted Dan Lane at MN/Wisc Playground equipment and emailed the members what Dan has designed. The cost will be approximately \$25,000.00. Lynne will contact Midwest Playscapes/Playworld (recommended by Jacqueline), get a design for about the same dollars and email to members. A decision will be made at the next meeting. Both companies are offering 35% discounts right now.
3. **Gail Dunker Memorial-** The Girls Night Out Committee would like to do a Memorial for Gail—a bench or Rock Garden. Lynne will be the contact person and report at our next meeting.
4. **George's Report:** George is still working with Green Acres for warming trailer. Discussion held on our priorities for park improvements this summer. Motion by Lynne and second by John for George to begin work on the restroom for Dumont Park. Passed Unanimously. He will also check costs for new lights for the BB court and already has a new table for the gazebo in Central Park. George will continue the cleanup of the New Park—removing rock, etc.
5. **Memorial Park:** John will head the Committee for the Memorial area of the new Park. He will contact Cheryl Brooks (Auxiliary), Jeff Johnson (Veterans) , Al Stammer (Legion), and Doug Nestegard (VFW) to be part of that Committee. He will report progress at April's meeting.
6. **Fee Waiver:** Discussion held on why fees for the use of Ashley Park are being waived. The fees collected are used to improve the park. Michael will check with Jennifer and/or Council and report at next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Anderson