

Park Board Meeting

July 14, 2015 at City Hall

Attending: Jack Walsh, Michael Haeffner, Mike Gilbert, Councilman Handevitd, Mike Grulhke, Lynne Anderson, John Tate. **Absent:** George Tauer

1. **George's Report:** George was absent but gave his report to Michael.
 - A. Boat Ramp in Ashley Park—Phil has been waiting for the river level to go down. They might get started on this next week.
 - B. Dam story boards—will get these erected when time allows
 - C. Three bike racks from SHIP grant—installed when time allows, installed by Sept.
 - D. Park No smoking signs—installed in parks. Luke Ewald used the City Facebook page and the city website to get information about the signs and Parks Smoking Policy out to the public.
 - E. New Lights installed on Basketball court—they are here. Will get done when time allows.
 - F. Table in Gazebo—brackets are ready. Installed when time allows
 - G. Warming trailer—no report
 - H. Dumont restroom—no bids from George. John brought a drawing of a single/family cement block restroom and will get it to George. It can be moved using a skid loader; so in the future, if it isn't big enough, it can be moved to a different location. John will bring costs to next meeting.
 - I. George has placed rocks along road at Benes Park to keep cars from using the Frisbee golf course fairways for parking. Seems to be working.
2. **Park Costs:** Discussion held about having a professional come in and lead an interested group of 4-5 volunteers to raise funds for park improvements. Action taken: Due to high cost for this professional, perhaps we can use the Jackson Foundation and local volunteers. Will be on agenda for next meeting.
3. **Finance meeting:** Park Board will meet with Finance Committee on July 20 at 5:45-6:15 to discuss plan to address aging park infrastructure. Discussion held on listing of priorities for parks, getting grants, setting goals and long range planning, making purchases, how to proceed with Memorial park, community requests, and finally needing leadership to get this all accomplished. Motion by Mike Gilbert with second by John Tate to recommend to Finance Committee and City Council to coordinate with the County Public Works to use Jacqueline Knips, the County Parks Supervisor, as an advisor to the City of Jackson Parks Department. Passed unanimously.
4. **Next meeting:** August 11, 2015 at 5:30 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Anderson, secretary.