

Park Board Meeting

September 8, 2015 at City Hall

Present: Mike Handevidt, Mike Gruhlke, John Tate, Mike Gilbert, Michael Haeffner, Katie Stai, Roseann Narvesen, LaVonne Rief, Lynne Anderson, Jack Walsh. **Absent:** George Tauer

1. **Katie Stai** attended our meeting expressing interest in ideas about outdoor water activities for Jackson kids. After discussion it was decided that she would continue to research grants, consultants, and other information and report back. John T will research what Morris has done and other board members will explore what other cities have done.
 2. **Jackson Foundation**—RoseAnn and LaVonne explained that the Foundation accepts charitable donations to give away to nonprofits like fire departments, city parks, trails, libraries, food shelf, etc. They are a community fund of the SWIF-Southwest Initiative Foundation. In April we could apply for a grant for park equipment. Grants are around \$1,000. There is a Memorial Park Fund already in place with funds totaling 634.18 for the Story Boards by the old dam site! Board members expressed interest in setting up a Jackson City Parks fund that would be used for donations toward new park equipment. **Action:** Board will peruse this avenue to raise money to improve Ashley Park. Donations would be made out to Jackson Community Foundation/City Parks.
 3. **Dumont park**—Report by neighbor next to park that the BB lights have been on until 2 AM in morning. **Action:** Michael will have George check into this. Restroom bids: HuffCutt Concrete—\$53,225 and \$41,125, Wayne Lutterman is not interested in project, Wells, MN Construction not interested—too busy. Back to square one. **Action:** Visit with Jacqueline at County to see if she can find a Restroom/Storm Shelter grant. Invite her to next meeting. This bathroom is still in our top three projects because there is a definite need.
 4. **George's Report**-- not present so no report on Dam Story Boards installation, the purchase of a trailer for the warming house, painting the bike sculpture in Dann's Island, Rohloff bench placement, or table in gazebo replaced. New bike racks are installed! Thanks to all involved!
 5. **Grants for Ashley Park Equipment:** An email from Jennifer was read about using Jackson Healthcare Foundation Grant and REA's Operation Roundup Grant. **Action:** Lynne will set up a time to meet with Jennifer to get those grants in place. We read an email from Jacqueline Knips about a matching grant program from GameTime Park Equipment. **Action:** Michael will be in contact with Jacqueline and Dan Lanes at GameTime. Lynne will contact Matt Finnegin at PlayWorld to see what sales they are running this Fall. (Both of these Reps. were at our May meeting). It was also suggested we could use the United Fund for funding equipment.
 6. **Finance meeting for Sept. 21st.** Some members will be gone on this date. **Action:** Michael will contact Jennifer about possibly moving to the Oct. meeting. A motion by Mike Gilbert and second by John to recommend to the Council that our top three priorities over the next year are: Ashley park in general and specifically new equipment, a new restroom in Dumont Park, and the dog park. Passed unanimously.
 7. **Veterans Memorial-** John continues to communicate with Jeff Johnson. They are almost ready with the design.
 8. **Next meeting** is October 13th at 5:30 at City Hall.
- Respectfully submitted by Lynne Anderson, secretary

