

Park Board Meeting on October 13, 2015

City Hall

In attendance: Michael Haeffner, Jack Walsh, George Tauer, John Tate, Mike Gilbert, Lynne Anderson, Jacqueline Knips, Mike Handevitd. **Absent:** Mike Gruhlke

1. **Finance Committee/ Park Board meeting** will be held next Monday, October 19th at 5:15 at City Hall. Most board members said they could attend. Board members summarized:
 - a. What the board has accomplished
 - b. What we are currently working on
 - c. Future goals
2. **George's Report:**
 - a. Jerry Rohloff bench will be placed by High School tennis courts before Dec. 1st.
 - b. Dam Story Boards—crew hopes to get placed yet this Fall.
 - c. Dumont BB court lights: George will check on timer to make sure the lights are coming on and turning off at correct time.
 - d. Roofing completed at Ashley Park shelter house (tin), Albertus Fields restroom (tin), and Patterson Park shelter house.
 - e. Warming trailer for Ice Rink: George presented sketch of a 12X40 removable, handicap accessible, custom-made trailer with restroom. A/C could be added. Available in 4-6 weeks. Comes in 6 foot sections for easy teardown. Bid was \$38,181. With A/C the bid was \$40,706.00. Added ramp would add \$4800. (George has put aside \$46,000 in our budget for this purchase.) John made a motion to recommend to the City Council to purchase this trailer without A/C and with one ramp. Second by Lynne Anderson. Passed unanimously.
3. **Veteran's Memorial Park Update:** John reported that Jeff Johnson is handling the design and hasn't presented anything new in the last month.
4. **Swim recreation/Katie Stai request**—John checked into Morris, MN outdoor swim area. It has been closed. Board decided to place this project on 'Hold' for time being.
5. **Dog Park-** John informed the board of progress he has made toward a Dog Park south of the Albertus Fields. Shelly Hotzler has donated the fencing from the girls' softball fields, which are being redone. Lynne will contact her with a thank-you. John and Michael will measure amount of fencing needed. Andrea Sether will be invited to the next meeting for her expertise about Dog Park design. John mentioned using 'sponsorships' to help defray any costs.
6. **Dumont Park Restroom-** Jacqueline Knips, Jackson Co. Parks director, was present to explain the grant writing process for an Outdoor Recreation Grant through the DNR. The grant will be due in March and by June 2016 projects will be awarded. Michael will put this on our agenda for next month. Jacqueline suggested we each take a part of the grant and follow her handout

to complete and that she would be available with assistance. It was suggested that Jennifer also write grants and could be of help.

7. **Next meeting** is November 10th at 5:30 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Anderson, secretary.