

Park Board Meeting
April 12, 2016 at City Hall

Present: Mike Haeffner, Mike Gruhlke, Lynne Anderson, Mike Handevidt, John Tate, Jack Walsh, Mike Gilbert, Jacqueline Knips

Absent: George Tauer

- 1. Welcome Phil Markman—Neither Phil or George were in attendance at the meeting. Michael will contact Phil before the May meeting.**

- 2. Express Swing—Mike Gilbert made a motion and second by Mike Gruhlke to have Jennifer submit a grant for the Express Swing to the Community Health Foundation. Passed unanimously.**

- 3. GMRPT report—Jacqueline reported on the meeting that she and Lynne attended In New Ulm on Application for Regional Designation/Master Planning. Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPT) was set up to handle the Legacy Funds. Forty percent of the funds go to the Metro area, 20% to DNR, and 40% to greater Minnesota. The meeting was to help counties and cities write applications and Master Plans to try to score these funds. Jacqueline is writing the Master Plan which will include the County Parks and Trails, the City Trails and Parks, and the proposed trail between Loon Lake and the city of Jackson and the trail to Fort Belmont across I90, to the hotels/campground north of the city. The more connections we can make and the more regionally significant we can make this Plan the better our chance for funding. Then when we apply for grants and funding our chances are increased. President Michael suggested to the Board that before the next meeting we dream big and look ahead 10-20 years and help Jacqueline with ideas for the Master Plan.**

- 4. Veteran's Park—no new information.**

- 5. Items from Old Dam site—a box of relics from the old dam site were brought to the meeting. Not much can be used with the story boards at the site. No time frame for when the Story Boards will be placed. George not in attendance.**

- 6. Next meeting will be May 10th at 5:30 at City Hall.**

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Anderson