

Park Board Meeting Minutes

Jackson- Patterson Park

6/11/2024

5:30 p.m.

Attendees:

- Attendees: Michael Haeffner, Luke Ewald, Lynne Anderson, Neal Carlson, Tony Oxborough, Mike Gilbert.
- Absent: Mike Gilbert, Mike Gruhlke, Joe Pell (City Council Representative), Shelley (Jackson City Administrator).
- Guests: John Weland.

Odell Wind Farm Grant:

- Albertus Fields lighting-
 - \$90,000 is the estimated cost for the Albertus Fields project; it would be about \$60,000 to complete at least one of the fields.
 - The goal is to get the baseball fields functioning so adults and youth can use it throughout the warm season.
 - It was agreed to apply for this
- Other projects-

Jackson Park Action Plan:

- Luke shared an overview of the Jackson Park Action Plan, see attachment.

Community Garden Expansion:

- Interest to have gardens in other areas of town—explore Patterson, Sunset, and Memorial Park as potential locations.
- Luke shared the Jackson Center for the Arts offers ESL classes for Latinos working at AGCO and New Fashion Pork who have expressed interest in gardening.
- John is exploring fruit trees for Zimmerli Park with the understanding that we'd need to establish insect and deer control; another suggestion mentioned included shrubs/bushes such as raspberries and blueberries.

Volleyball Net Systems:

- Neal shared it has been difficult to find deals for volleyball systems; after shipping and handling, we will likely be taking \$950 out of the park budget; the Healthcare Foundation Grant we received was for \$5,000; we could save some money depending if we go with a portable post vs. a permanent structure.
- **Motion made by** Michael Gilbert, seconded by Joe, to go with Volleyball USA equipment, all in favor, motion carries.

- Please note we will go with the permanent structure; we will take the netting down during the winter season.

Seasonal Park Staff Update:

- Neal shared all the seasonal staff have been hired; all of the youth have done a great job.

Veteran's Plaza:

- There hasn't been an update on the Veteran Plaza; our goal will be to reach out to them before the July 2024 Park Board meeting, we will extend an offer to help them with his project.
- Last year, the veteran's group had a design and presented it at the park board meeting.

Neal/Tony Report:

- Tony will be handing off majority of the park responsibilities to Neal.
- Disc Golf will be up and running soon—waiting for Nelson Creek area to dry up.
- Albertus Field is in the process of being of being completed, there is no Beer League Softball but it will be available for general use this year.
- Dog Park will have a shade structure soon.
- Memorial Park lighting is still in the works.
- Sunset Park is almost done.
- Biffy enclosures will set up at all locations soon.
- The animal shelter and warming house is postponed until 2025 due to financial needs; we will wait to approach other communities for support until after our project is completed and see how it is running.
- Archery, volleyball, and boat launch are bottom of the list right now due to patching the streets and keeping up on mowing.
- Long-term project is to have a large shelter house with restroom facilities in Ashley Park. +++

Park Project Needs:

- Shelley, below are the items Neal sent me. Public Health can help fund up to \$3,0000 for this project so we won't be able to help with the entirety of the project funding. The grant application is pretty simple.
- [Garden Shed](#) - 1 Shed
- <https://www.treetopproducts.com/slat-waste-receptacle> -- I believe it was 3 garbage cans?
- <https://www.treetopproducts.com/barcboard-steel-frame-rectangular-picnic-tables> -- 3 Tables
- Alternative Options:
 - If the City's Park Improvement Funding is low right now, what we could do is fund the garbage cans and picnic tables as one project for "Park Planning"

- We could then fund the Garden Shed and anything else the garden team needs as "Community-based Agriculture"
- This route would allow two separate grants for two separate projects, and would allow \$3,000 for each project so \$6,000 total.

Next Meetings:

- 7/9/2024 at 530 pm at Sunset Park.

Adjourn:

- Meeting adjourn at 627pm.