

April 16th, 2020 at City Hall at 5:30

Present: Matt Skaret, Phil Markman, Luke Ewald, Lynne Anderson (via phone), Larry Anderson, Mike Haeffner, Mike Gilbert (via phone), Mike Gruhlke (via phone).

Absent: Jenny Eicholz;

Tennis/Basketball Courts Striping

- Tim Carlson came on 4/7/2020 to assess the tennis courts; there are some cracks he has to level out before he does the striping and top coating.
- The quote came to an extra \$450 for Ashley Park and Central Park for a new total of \$18,950.
- The city council brought up a question if part of Ashley Park tennis court was intended to be used part pickle-ball and part basketball court.
- Basketball poles need to be brought in before they do striping and top coating.
- A regulation basketball court is 94ft by 50ft; on the north court we would like to have a permanent pole placed inside the fencing.
- Phil will check the cost of the basketball poles/hoops.
- Timeline: the tennis courts could be done by end of May 2020 as long as basketball pole is done prior to the striping.
- Motion made by Luke and seconded by Mike Gilbert, all in favor, motion carries to approve CH Sport Surface for tennis courts.
- Motion made by Luke and seconded by Lynne, all in favor, motion carries to approve basketball pole/hoop pending on the price.

Dumont Basketball Court

- Tim also looked at the basketball court in Dumont Park the same day; Tim determined the court is in need of maintenance.
- \$5,900 is the quote for maintenance—repair/resurface of one basketball court at Dumont Park.
- Motion made by Luke and seconded by Mike, all in favor, motion carries to approve CH Sport Surfacing bid for Dumont Park Basketball Court Maintenance.

Benes Park and Kim Benes' Proposal for a Dog Park

- This was a popular item in the active living survey; the Pilot had survey results with interest of a possible dog park, and Kim Benes has interest to turn the Disc Golf Course into a dog park.
- The location is not well suited for Disc Golf anymore and the ground is not well maintained due to the flood zone it is in.
- It is recommended to have a core group to help with the upkeep of a Disc Golf Course

- A suggestion was made to take the Disc Golf equipment out of Benes Recreation area and turn it into a dog park—the goal would be to have a core group come together and work toward finding a new location for the Disc Golf course.
- The “catch fence” is a concern with debris flooding into the park.
- Other options: Zimmerli Park (remove all playground material), outfield fence of US71 (on opposite side of Dann’s Island).
- Benes Recreation road will also need to be fixed for access.
- Action Step: invite with Animal Committee and Kim Benes to the May 2020 Park Board meeting.

Active Living Survey Results

- Park-related goals were shared with the group; top items selected included the Des Moines River Trail, Community Garden Plots, Dog Park, and Skateboard Park.
- Suggestions were made to have the community gardens be put up at Zimmerli Park, the dog park near US-71, the skateboard park being moved to Memorial Park ice skate rink (during the summer season), and horseshoeing.
- Action Step: Luke will check with Matt Arlandson from Jackson County Sentence to Serve on help for a few of these projects (i.e. horse shoes and constructing community garden beds) and reach out to possible groups to help spearhead these projects.

Ashley Park Shelter House Plumbing Quote

- On March 10th, 2020, Thurmer Plumbing quote came to \$3,224 (plus water heater) for the Ashley Park Shelter House.
- This will involve plumbing and fixtures for Ashley Park Shelter House.
- Motion made by Lynne and seconded by Mike, all in favor, motion carriers to accept Thurmer Plumbing quote, including option three electric, for a total of \$3,478.
- Motion made by Luke and seconded by Lynne, all in favor, motion carries to go with the following colors for the shelter house: white overhead door and trim color, grove siding, and fascia roof.

Ashley Park Playgrounds (Safety First)

- Matt reached out to Marissa to make sure the 2019 quote would be the same for 2020; the quote will remain the same; Phil said he can take care of the demolishing to save the city funding.
- The metal slide and merry-go-round are both out of compliance; a recommendation was made to go with a “Spinner” for a quote of \$5,120.
- Motion made by Lynne, seconded by Mike, all in favor, motion carriers to go with quote for spinner and Safety First quote, minus the demolish, (with Phil connecting with Marissa on swing set logistics and in-house removal/prep of equipment).
- Action Step: Phil will connect with Marissa on logistical questions.

Phil's Report

- There are currently six applications that are currently in; Anna and Isaac are both coming back and there are four other applicants.
- The County has started doing seasonal hiring.
- Phil's crew is currently running a split crew until the seasonal help starts.

Motion made by Luke and seconded by Mike Gruhkle to adjourn.

Next meeting

May 12th, 2020 at 5:30 at Jackson City Hall.

Submitted by Luke Ewald, Park Board Member