

Jackson Park Board Official Meeting February 13th 2019

Present: Michael Hafner, Larry Anderson, Luke Ewald, Phil Markman, Matt Skaret, Tony Oxborough

Not Present: Mike Gilbert, Mike Gruhlke, Lynne Anderson, Jen Eicholz.

Due to the lack of a quorum no action could be taken. However, discussion was had on the following items.

Memorial Park Update:

-Called SEH to go over edits from park plan; Bob Kost gave the park board an update on phase one construction plans—this plan will not affect the Vet’s Memorial or other future projects; they are not redoing the plan that was looked at in early December 2018 (these items were created as part of the 2012 plan); they received a letter from Army Corps of Engineers for the wetland concern; SEH will reach out to Corps as they do the phase one of Memorial Park.

There have been delays in pulling final touches together over the past seven weeks due to changes requested by the City from the original plan SEH created; there was another setback with the Vet’s memorial where there utilities are present, the ice skating rink, and the open vegetation area on the north-side of the park; the goal is to have the plans completed in early March 2019.

Plans are to go out to bid in late March/early April 2019 (ex. bid the kayak launch, picnic pads, splash pad pumps/equipment, which will be bid as alternates), and start construction in spring 2019; budget will be updated by the end of February 2019; splash pad is all ready to go once bids are completed (including power for the splash pad).

There is a marked manhole already available; SEH will check with the engineer to identify where the manhole is in their survey; Jackson will send the manhole information to SEH as soon as possible.

In the next 10 days, SEH will get plans to Jackson and review with City staff (either face to face or by telephone) and review them before they are set to 100%; Bob Kost will coordinate a time with Matt before the end of month.

The splash pad is all being done through Vortex—it is a black hole to SEH; however, SEH has received some information on the splash pad (ex. computer drafting documents); Tony will contact the Vortex representative about specifics for the splash pad as soon as possible.

There was a drawing from a resident in Jackson on what they think the Veteran’s Memorial should look like; the majority of the Vets Committee is not in Minnesota right now.

Ashley Park Shelter Update:

-No update; Andy has not been compliant over the past few weeks; Tim Holte has been contacted but there has been minor communication issues.

Pool Issue:

-The pool has been out of commission for seven weeks due to a heater and ventilation system breakdown; it would take three weeks to repair the pool; The Pool Advisory Board met today and reviewed options. To get the pool up and running again and compliant with State Code it will be a \$40,000 project. The City Council meets next week and the school board meets during the week of February 18-22nd to

approve the Pool Board's recommendation to repair of the HVAC the past equipment was made out of stainless steel which deteriorated over the years.

To completely redo everything in the pool would cost over \$100,000; some minor improvements have happened over the weeks since the pool has been closed; Larry hopes to see the pool open in a month in a half.

Stevenson's Asphalt Update:

-For Ashley Park and Central Parks, the bidding of \$31,900 is still good for both parks; the tennis courts will be repaved in spring 2019; Larry brought up some concerns about Stevenson's Asphalt because the Pines has now shown problems since the layering of the new asphalt (they would be 50/50 on going through Stevenson's Asphalt again).

Sanford is looking to redo their parking lots in the near future; they contacted Phil for contract suggestions; most of the decisions Sanford makes is through Sanford Corporate Headquarters.

Pop Up Parks:

-Luke gave a brief update on pop up parks; the concept of them is bring awareness of bicycling in Jackson; these parks can be used by bikers, skaters, and scooters in these parks; the idea is to attract kids; if there are any underutilized areas in Jackson, these parks would likely benefit them.

Phil's Report:

-No new developments; currently, the Skating Rink has been open for several days in the past couple of weeks. Days that it was not operating was due to do the cold weather; no complaints from the users of the ice skate rink.

Next Meeting: March 12th at 530 pm at Jackson City Hall.