

Park Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson City Hall
6/14/2022

Attendees:

- Attendees: Matt Skaret, Neal Carlson, Luke Ewald, Lynne Anderson, Michael Gruhlke, Phil Markman, Michael Haeffner, Jerry Palmer, Michael Gilbert.
- Absent: Mike Eddy.
- Guests: Dave Hargen, Doug Nestegard, and John Schultz (Veteran Memorial Committee).

Kayak/Canoe Launch Update:

- The materials have been ordered; the materials will be ready to go by 6/22/2022; the city crew will start putting the launch together; the kayak launch will be located beyond the ripples in Memorial Park; the concept of having a boat launch constructed would be a good idea, but the topography of the land is not suitable for construction of a boat launch—another location might be looking at Benes Park for a boat launch.
- We will connect with Phil Nasby to get the planks—we need to find out if we have to install the planks or if the DNR can do this for the city.
- State Water Trail—Mike Gruhlke inquired about these signs that also warn people of rapids ahead. The signs should be placed on the Highway 71 and Ashley St. bridges. Gruhlke said the signs were given to the city years ago when George Tauer was Street Superintendent. However, Phil and Neal do not know anything about them. They will do some looking at the Street Shop.

Veterans Memorial Update:

- Dave Hargen shared updates pertaining to where they are with the Veteran's Memorial; they are still flat with this effort, but they did make a commitment that they need to get this project completed; they plan to meet with representative (Mark Gruningken) from Windom on 6/17/2022—this will give an opportunity to learn successes, challenges, and how they made the project work in Windom; they need to create a diagram/design for the memorial; many of the veterans have different ideas, but it is challenging to get everyone to agree on a design/idea; Boekett is not able to help create a mock-draft, there is also SEH (Memorial Park architect) or CMBA Architects in Spencer, IA; the goal will be to narrow down a couple designs with the architects.
- **Action Item:** The veteran committee would like to have us look for an architect to connect with.

Pickleball Courts Update:

- Lynne talked to some of the pickleball folks who play pickleball regularly; they continue to request having a specific pickleball court netting.
- Motion made Lynne, seconded by Luke, to purchase a pickleball net for Ashley Park, all in favor, motion carries.

Disc Golf Course Update:

- Bill Swan emailed on 6/13/2022 explaining that all fairways are fully prepared for city to take over scheduled mowing. With that taken over for them, they intend to move fully into basket placement and final tee pad locations. This project is a marathon and not sprint and they are doing it right. They need to work with Boekett Lumber to get out bridge materials. These costs are now about double what they expected based on inflated prices for all materials. They do have power poles which works with REA to procure. These will be used for the main supports for our bridges. As soon as the area dries up they can make some more moves out there. They don't want a bunch of heavy equipment tearing it all up right now. So hopefully a week or so and the city can also place all of the tee pads for the entire course. They will make final adjustments and mark them soon. They keep making minor adjustments to account for various considerations (safety, traffic, environment, etc.) but are pretty close.
- Other updates from Bill included:
 - They would like to have the city start and then continually maintain all mowing at the course on a timely and scheduled basis. This needs to begin ASAP. Bill's team mowed everything twice this spring and it takes too much of their time to be effective at the rest of the activities (Bill is willing to walk through the course and layout details to whomever will be doing the mowing. They do have some rocks and stuff marked out now.)
 - Bill asked Matt the week of 6/6/2022 for my contact to get the baskets, they still need that contact information. They intend to start setting basket anchors when we are able to do so. It needs to dry up before they can dig and add cement. The information had been sent, but the email bounced back. Matt has since resent Bill Phil's contact information.
 - They have moved almost all branches and debris. They have one or two more days and they will have absolutely all trimming and branch cleanup done for the entire course. This is the most time-consuming aspect of the build. They can't just cut and throw branches and stuff into the woods or it gets messy and cluttered. Exciting milestone for us a group working out there.

Dog Park/Albertus Fields Long-term Planning:

- The latest potential location is the south end of Memorial Park south of the skating shack where the trail loops or maybe even in the quasi-oval area inside the loop.
- Motion made by Jerry, seconded by Lynne, to table the dog park matter and observe the Albertus Fields through the end of the fall to see how many individuals use the ball fields, all in favor, motion carries.

Parks and Recreation Month (July 2022):

- Highlight improvements made over the past year with the Jackson parks; invite Jackson County Pilot to take a photo of the park staff and seasonal employees.

Federated Rural Electric Grant (due 9/23/2022):

- We can look at funding for dog waste receptacles (we could look at getting two receptacles and baggies) and the pickleball netting for Ashley Park.

Phil/Neal Report:

- Seasonal help have been staying busy; the mowers needed minor wiring repair; they've been working on the sand volleyball pits in Sunset Ponds area; the shelter houses have been cleaned after folks have been using them; some minor issues with some of the restrooms in Ashley Park (i.e. toilet seats); the library story stroll signs are up; community garden sign was put up; the splash pad has been having technical issues—a new computer had to be ordered on 5/27/2022 to replace the CPU chip.

Other Discussion Topics (for July Meeting):

Create a Community Garden Committee:

Skating Rink/Skate Park Concrete Pad Update:

Flagship Playgrounds:

- [Playgrounds to visit during 2022](#) has featured community parks in our area including Fairmont and Worthington, MN.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting:

July 12th, 2022 at 530pm.