

Park Board Meeting Minutes

March 2019, 530pm

Jackson City Hall

Attendees: Mike Gilbert, Michael Haeffner, Jennifer Eicholz, Phil Markman, Luke Ewald, Larry Anderson, Matt Skaret

Ashley Park Tennis/Basketball:

There are two bids received; Matt said the city council is very eager to have the bids get voted on; Larry mentioned there has been discussion about pickle ball court, basketball court, and tennis court or a combination of each depending on what the council would decide on in the near future; the bids are for both Ashley Park and Central Park; the total cost for the bid is \$31,900; there were two different bids the MR Paving. The combined bid for both Ashley Park and Central Park was \$69,000 and Stevenson Asphalt (about \$31,900); there is uncertainty as to why one company's bid costs more than the other than possibility more work from MR Paving, filling cracks, and overlaying the tennis courts; there have been other bidders in the past that have been reached out to but they never got back to the park board with their quote; Stevenson quote does not include painting.

What we know/things to remember:

- Central Park is going to be a tennis court.
- There are a lot more basketball players than tennis players in Jackson.
- It would be ideal to have the basketball hoops go north to south rather than east to west.
- We do not want to do portable basketball hoops.
- We could do a pickle ball court in Central Park, have specific times of the week for pickle ball users to use certain courts (portable nets); basketball could be on east or west side and then on the other side you would have a pickle ball area with one basketball hoop that someone would only be able to shoot baskets.
- If the three one three tournament came back, we could take down the pickle ball nets until after the tournament and then add the portable hoops.

Motion to accept Stevenson Quote: Motion to accept Stevenson quote made by Larry and seconded by Mike G. We will need to find a painter (Phil will see who did the striping in Dumont Park in the past and get a quote, including the same colors (blue and gray). Unanimous vote.

Motion to approve continuing to have the tennis court (central park) and convert Ashley Park into 2 basketball courts and 1 portable pickle ball court (Ashley park) motioned by Mike and seconded by Jen. Unanimous vote.

Ashley Park Shelter House:

- Mike hasn't received anything from Andy in several months now; we are going to move on from Andy; we will now look at working with Tom Holte as a contractor; Tom did the restroom for the Splash Pad last year and the sheds at Ashley Park in the past;
- We will want to determine what we want to with the doors, brightening the inside, and electrical (outlets); Matt suggested reaching out to different architects in the immediate area to get professional suggestions and to develop a set of specifications to ensure consistency on what contractors would be bidding on; we are looking for a facelift not a rebuild, something that is easier to maintain, upgrade the current sliding doors, removing litter, making electrical user-friendly, serving shelf, kitchen, fill in the holes were squirrels are getting in; our affordable budget would be over \$100,000; possibly raise the rental fee once it gets the upgrade to help pay the debt off.

Action Step: Mike G and Matt will check with contractors.

Luke w/ Grant Suggestions:

- See attached handout of different grant applications-- will send with notes.
- Matt is working on having a park consultant, Bob Clarin with Safety First Playground Maintenance, come down to Jackson in the spring to create a Park Plan and assess the current park land.

Memorial Park Update:

- Officially out for bid; SEH has also posted this; Bids are due on April 8th; at our next meeting on April 9th we will review the bids; on April 16th, the city council will review bids; Bob is hoping to have completion date of June 30th 2019; grass growth may not happen because of the current weather conditions and the building of the splash pad; the splash pad will be bid as part of the project as an alternate; Worthington's splash pad was behind in the funding but they have recently went to Worthington's city council and the council gave them over \$300,000 to help them get the funding; no word on the Veteran's Memorial Plaza;
- Jeff Johnson said there are those interested to help fund the project but they want to see what the design would like and progress being made toward the Veteran Memorial Plaza.

Phil's Report:

- Phil is going to League of MN Cities Safety and Loss Control Prevention workshop on April 4th, 2019 which will have a focus on community parks; the ice skate rink is likely done for the season due to the warmer weather and rain fall now; overall the skating season has been great, even with very cold weather;
- Phil is going to be looking for seasonal help, including bring some of the past seasonal help back; re-seeding of the baseball fields at Albertus Field will eventually happen this year; in 2010, the cost would have been almost \$10,000 in 2010. Shawn is planning to have a countywide softball league started up this year since it didn't happen last year due to flooding.

Motion to hire four (4) seasonal employees for the parks department for the summer: motioned by Mike G and seconded by Jennifer. Unanimously voted.