

**Jackson Park Board Meeting City Hall
November 10th, 2020 @ 530pm**

Present: Matt Skaret, Lynne Anderson,, Jen Eicholz, Phil Markman, Michael Haeffner, Michael Gilbert, Neal Carlson, and Luke Ewald

Absent: Larry Anderson, Mike Gruhlke

Guests: None

Agenda Items:

Service Tree Memorials & Weflen Bench

- We do not want to get involved with spreading Mary Weflen's ashes; it would be worth asking the City Attorney if this would be allowed; MN doesn't have any laws/regulations regarding ash spreading.
- **Action Step:** we will check on this and return to it at the December 2020 Park Board.

Beaver Tree in Ashley Park

- There have been concerns about a beaver in Ashley Park; Phil will talk to Shawn about how to displace the beaver.
- Action: no motion needed.

Bolton and Menk Quote/Disc Golf/Dog Park Update

- There is no GIS Survey material the City or County has on file; Bolton and Menk is willing to help do the GIS mapping of the EDA owned greenspace located near Nelson Creek/Sanford Health; the cost for the GIS Mapping would go through Park Board funding (\$2,200 for a boundary survey and an extra \$500 for an overlay of MN DNR LIDAR and Topographical data. The total cost would be \$2,700).
- Action: motion made by Luke to approve the proposal from Bolton & Menk in full, seconded by Lynne, all in favor, motion carries.

Mini-Grant Opportunities

- Luke will send out a list of project ideas we can acquire with public health program funding; funding would be through mini-grants.
- Action Step: no motion needed.

Garden Center Grant

- We received \$500 for the Garden Plot project; Luke will work with Matt Arlandson to get the garden plots constructed during the winter months; Luke will keep the Park Board members up to date on progress.
- Action Step: no motion needed.

Riverside Farmers Market

- Luke discussed the Riverside Farmers Market in Ashley Park; the market has been struggling over the past few years to increase attendance; John Bezdicek has a plot of land near Nelson Creek he uses during the summer months for produce, but hasn't been involved with the Riverside Farmers Market—Luke will talk to John to find out if there is an opportunity to develop relationships between his market and the Riverside Farmers Market.
- *From October 2020 Meeting: Boekett recommended going with 2x8 garden plots for the project; the lumber for each plot is estimated at \$144; Luke applied for funding through Federated Rural Electric Grant to help with funding for the lumber—lumber is relatively high right now. Concerns with the project: cost of lumber, high deer population (i.e. how to deter deer away from the gardens), liability policies, and general use policies, who will own the gardens (i.e. city), how will plots be given out to residents in the community, etc.*
- Action Step: while the park board supports the Riverside Farmers Market, we agree it is not our place to get too involved with the Riverside Market.

Ice Shack

- The ice shack is pretty much ready to go; water will be poured over the grass area—no tarp will be used over the grass as this may cause damage over the grass.

Phil/Neal Report

- Phil said that North Highway is pretty much done; the city is going to try and plow North Highway, Dewey Street, and Springfield Parkway trails—this will be done 2-3 days after a snowfall.
- Lawnmowers have been put away for the season.

Next Meeting:

- December 8th, 2020 at 530pm.

Adjournment: