

**Park Board Minutes**  
**October 8th, 2019 at City Hall**

**Present:** Luke Ewald, Jenny Eicholz, Michael Haeffner, Phil Markman, Matt Skaret, Mike Gilmore, Lynne Anderson

**Absent:** Mike Grulhlke, Larry Anderson

**A. Ashley Park Shelter House Bids:** Two bids were received: from Holthe Construction for \$12,000 and from Phibbs Olsen Construction for \$34,000. We do not have bids for plumbing and electrical. **ACTION:** After some discussion a motion was made by Lynne with a second by Mike Gilmore to table this decision until the plumbing and electrical bids are in. Passed unanimously.

**B. Benes Park:** Kim Benes called Matt Skaret about taking back the Benes Park property from the City of Jackson and putting it into a conservation area with Cedar and Swamp Oak trees. Because of flooding costs and maintenance, plus mosquitoes; the Disc Golf Course has not done well. It was decided to contact city attorney Brad Anderson. **ACTION:** Motion by Mike Gilmore with a second by Jenny to get a legal opinion before recommending any action to the Council. Passed unanimously.

**C. Safety First Park Audit:** Park Board decided to start on Ashley Park. First efforts will be in house by city staff removing decommissioned equipment, fixing swing seats, removing peacock (save and repurpose) and replacing with wood chips. Main cost will be about \$8,500 for the wood chips.

**D. Budget:** Matt handed out a first draft of the 2020 Park Budget. Most items will remain unchanged. There is money allotted for tennis court stripping, the Ashley Park shelter house, wood chips for Ashley park, four temporary employees and one full time Park Department employee. About \$40,000 will still be left for park equipment/improvements.

**E. Phil's Report:**

1. The ice rink will again be in the Bayou because Memorial Park will not be ready for use.
2. Phil has difficulty hiring seasonal staff because they must be 18 years old to use mowers.
3. Dept. of Health is reviewing Splash Pad plans. Looks like construction next Spring.
4. Dewey Street Sidewalk/trail is going well. They will finish up when students are off for Education Minnesota Fall break.
5. Lynne will contact Jeff Kruse and check on last three Park signs.

**F. Next meeting** will be November 12th at 5:30 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Anderson (some notes from Luke)