

**Jackson Park Board Meeting**  
**Jackson City Hall**  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 530pm**

**Present:** Matt Skaret, Lynne Anderson, Jen Eicholz, Michael Haeffner, Michael Gruhkle via Zoom, Luke Ewald, and Neal Carlson

**Absent:** Mike Gilbert, Larry Anderson, Phil Markman.

**Guests:** None

**Agenda Items:**

**Community Gardens Update**

- History: During the August 2020 Park Board meeting, it was determined that we focus on Zimmerli Park as the starting point for a community garden.
- 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: It was noted that we should know by the end of the November on the Federated Rural Electric Grant. If it is successful we will bring the project to the City Council for approval.

**Ice Shack/Attendants:**

- The plan is to have the ice shack in Memorial Park for winter 2020/2021; the parks department is going to be building a dike/berm during the week of 10/12/2020 and get the skating rink ready over the next month.
- Action Step: no action right now; Neal will be working on getting the ice rink ready over the next couple weeks.

**Looking ahead to Park Improvements:**

- Zimmerli and Central Parks would be good parks to work on during 2021; Central Park has a few areas of concern particularly the gazebo (i.e. needs new paint, other small updates) and picnic table (needs to be replaced), play areas need to be updated from Safety First assessment.
- Action Step: check with Matt from Sentence to Serve to help with landscape maintenance, during summer 2021.

**Disc Golf and Dog Park**

- Bill would like more information about the EDA land so he can design the disc golf course and dog park accordingly; based on the conversation, it would probably be worth doing GIS Mapping; Matt will contact Bolton-Mink to see what GIS Mapping cost will be; Phil will check with Jared at the Jackson County Shop for any information about GIS Mapping in the past years.
- Action Step: Lynne will check with Erin Reed if GIS/surveying has been done; Luke will check with Wes at Jackson County Shop before the November Park Board Meeting.

#### **Phil/Neal Report**

- The park restrooms are going to be closed up for the soon over the next week; there has been issues with light vandalism at the new restroom in Memorial Park (i.e. toilet paper all over the flowers, clogged toilets).
- A few new dog waste stations have been put up around the trail system.
- The trails on the west side of town will need to be cutout and redone next year (2021); temporary "Cold Filling" could be an option until something permanent is implemented.

#### **Adjournment:**

- Motion made by Lynne, seconded by Luke, all in favor, motion carried.

#### **Next Meeting:**

- 11/10/2020 at 530pm