

Park Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson City Hall
8/8/2022

Attendees:

- Attendees: Michael Haeffner, Matt Skaret, Luke Ewald, Lynne Anderson, Jerry Palmer, Mike Gruhkle, Michael Gilbert
- Absent: Mike Eddy, Phil Markman, and Neal Carlson
- Guests: N/A.

FRE Grant Dog Waste Receptacles:

- Phil and Neal were not present; we will this on the Park Board agenda for September 2022; the goal of this grant is to purchase new dog waste receptacles to place along trails and in parks; Phil and Neal were looking at different material rather than metal, particularly plastic or rubber.
- Luke shared this grant is due on 9/23/2022.

Sandboxes:

- Luke discussed that several of the sandboxes in the city parks have mud wasps; there was discussion looking at what else could be done to repurpose the sandboxes—examples discussed were community garden plots.
- Due to Neal and Phil being out, we will discuss mud wasp treatment during the September 2022 Park Board meeting.

Sunset Park Holes:

- Lynne reported there are holes in Sunset Ponds; these were brought to Lynne's attention by resident of Jackson who lives in the Sunset Ponds area; Matt shared Phil notified him about small divots that are in the works on being filled once the material becomes available after the screening of the compost pile

GameTime Grant Out:

- This grant allows 100% matching funds for qualified play systems; GameTime has various playground items communities can purchase; examples of playground equipment that can be purchased includes select fitness products, obstacle courses, etc.
- There was discussion among the board discussing projects to explore for 2023; our Park Board budget is typically around \$30,000 a year, so we want to determine if we want to do one large project or a few smaller projects.

Dog Park Update:

- During the July 2022 meeting, we agreed to hold off with the Dog Park based on public concern using the area for a dog park; Matt shared he visited with Mammoth Sports, a company that

works with large sporting venues; the city council and finance committee would like to make updates to Albertus Fields; the goal would be to make the Albertus Fields area more appealing for baseball and other activities, particularly youth and adult baseball and softball.

- Mammoth Sports was impressed with Albertus Field, and the potential it has for recreation; the next steps will be to have them assess the land and the dike, and develop a proposal for the City and Park Board.
- Dog park will continue to be discussed, work in partnership with Mammoth Sports.

Memorial Park Sign Update:

- Lynne shared the Memorial Park sign is in the works, will be ready in the near future.

Phil/Neal Report:

- N/A.

Other:

- **Kayak Launch**—add to September 2022 agenda.
- **Veterans Memorial Update**—Matt shared a brief update from the Veterans Memorial committee; they are looking at attending the September or October 2022 park board meeting to share an update.
- **Dann's Island**—Mike Gruhkle shared it would be nice to have a light at the crossing of Dann's Island; we will check with MnDOT on recommendations.
- **Disc Golf Course**—the disc golf course is almost done; we are waiting on the kiosk to arrive and the tee boxes to be placed;

Adjournment:

- Motion made by Luke, seconded by Lynne, to adjourn meeting, all in favor, motion carries.

Next Meeting:

September 13th, 2022 at 530pm.