

Park Board Meeting Minutes  
Jackson City Hall  
1/10/2023  
5:30 p.m.

**Attendees:**

- Attendees: Marcus Polz (Mayor), Michael Haeffner, Matt Skaret, Neal Carlson, Luke Ewald, Phil Markman, Mike Gruhlkle, Joe Pell (City Council Representative).
- Absent: Lynne Anderson, Michael Gilbert.
- Guests: Troy Nemmers (Bolton & Menk), and Mayor Marcus Polz

**Drinking Fountains (Water Department):**

- Matt shared he reached out to Tony at the Water Treatment Facility—Ashley, Central, Dann’s Island, Santa Land, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (by Clock Tower), Albert’s Field, and the Jackson Splash Pad;
  - Dann’s Island water fountain hasn’t been turned on since 2014.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and the Splash Pad are ADA-compliant fountains (wheel chair accessible).
  - There are five water fountains that could be replaced—Ashley Park, Central Park, Dann’s Island, Santa Land, and Albertus Field.
- Hydration Stations typically run between \$2,000 to \$5,000; there are different variations that are available to purchase; ideally, we would want to ensure they are ADA-compliant and offer a water bottle filling option.
- Global Industries offers outdoor hydration stations.
- Grant funding opportunities exist, we explore SHIP or Operation Round Up that is due 2/10/2023.
- **Motion made** by Luke, seconded by Michael, to move forward with the Operation Round Up Grant with the goal of acquiring funding to purchase one hydration station, preferably to replace to water fountain in Dann’s Island Park, all in favor, motion carries.

**Albertus Fields Update (Chris Scholten):**

- Chris Scholten wasn’t present for the meeting; we decided to table this update for now.

**Skating Rink Location:**

- Marcus shared the idea of having two hockey rinks in town; the city is exploring an outdoor recreation complex that could include a skating rink, ballfields, and an outdoor pool contingent upon how pool discussions go with the JCC school district on the current indoor pool; the location would be around 13-acres.
- The city has been discussing project ideas with other communities in Worthington and Northern Iowa that offer similar stadiums.
- Mammoth Sports thought incorporating a hockey rink could create a multi-purpose year-round complex.
- We would need to conduct soil borings to ensure the ground would be suitable for this location.

- We will want to check with the Minnesota State High School League or US Hockey Association to check on regulation size hockey rinks and/or stadium requirements—though the intent wouldn't necessarily be to Minnesota State Regulation Games hosted at the site, more of a fun idea.
- The City would have to present a resolution to the legislature by 1/31/2023 for a city sales tax option; if this is successful, the construction could begin in 2024 at the very earliest; there are a lot of variables and moving parts to make this concept succeed—waiting on Mammoth Sports, waiting on the school and city workshop regarding the indoor swimming situation, will need to do soil boron testing, etc.
- The skateboard park will not be moved until more is known about what the future holds for sporting complex.
- **Motion made** by Luke, seconded Mike, by to hold off on pursuing the DNR outdoor recreation grant for the concrete pad until the timing aligns better with developments for the recreation complex, pursue leveling off the ground in the skating area Memorial Park with Bolton & Menk doing a grading plan that could be incorporated into the Downtown Alley project this summer or quoted as a separate project, and wait to move the skateboard park until a later date. All in favor, motion carries.

#### **Veterans Memorial Update:**

- Matt talked to Dave Hargen with the Veterans Memorial Committee. They have come up with a rough concept based off of what the City of Trimont has done with their veteran memorial. There is a meeting coming up later this week or next week. It is likely within the next couple months they will attend a park board meeting with drawings to share with us.

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

- Phil shared they have gained progress of the skating rink, they were able to get two hours of water on the rink today;
- There is one ice skating rink attendant; there are two spots they would like to fill.

#### **Next Meeting:**

- 2/14/2023 at 530pm at city hall.

#### **Adjourn:**

- Meeting adjourn at 643pm.