

Park Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson City Hall
7/12/2022

Attendees:

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

Dog Park Follow-Up:

- At the last park board meeting, we agreed to evaluate the usage of Albertus Fields before making anymore decisions on the dog park; there was push back from the City Council as to keep finding a location to make this project happen;
- There was discussion with the potential locations for the dog park and the pros and cons of the February 2020 survey were shared among park board members, including the four locations identified in the survey—Albertus Fields, Memorial Park, MnWest area, and ;
- The park board agreed to wait until the August 2022 meeting.

Memorial Park-Skating Rink Concrete:

- The idea is to move the skate park to the new skating rink area, and keep the rink available for summer hockey and ice skating; this project was bid with the downtown alleyway project; the bid was completed separately, and the bid came in separately with an estimated cost around \$140,000; there was discussion about going with the concrete vs. not going with the concrete and using a liner instead—the liner would likely hurt the grass come the spring season.
- The City Council agreed with the bid for the concrete; this will be a good opportunity for youth and adults year-round.

FRE/Operation Round Up Grant (Dog Waste Receptacles):

- Luke filled out the FRE grant that is due on 9/23/2022; the goal of this grant will be to request funding from Federated Rural Electrics grant program to purchase and/or replace additional dog waste receptacles in community parks and trails; options below include:
 - Metal material: the cost per dog waste kit comes to around \$335.
 - Plastic material: the cost for a plastic kit comes to around \$588.
- Phil and Neal will look for additional options, preferably for a better material than what was found.

Jackson Community Garden Committee Formation:

- John Weland visited with the park board requesting the formation of a Community Garden Committee;

- Motion made by Lynne, seconded by Luke, to form a Community Garden Committee, all in favor, motion carries.

Memorial Park Sign:

- Over social media, there are folks who are not aware of Memorial Park or where it is located; it would be nice to get two signs—by the dike, where the trail goes across the west-side.
- Lynne will chat with Jeff about getting trail signs.

Phil/Neal Report:

- The splash pad is still not working—they've replaced a variety of materials to get the leaks to stop; everything is working fine, but the leak continues; the new material was ordered 7/12/2022.
- Sunset Ponds Shelter House was painted, they were able to paint a few of the yellow cub extensions; they recently lost one seasonal employee.
- The kayak/canoe launch is coming to fruition; kayakers have been observed using the rivers.
- The disc golf course is coming along; Phil has some concerns with getting concrete up some the inclines—they are looking at possibly going with wood material to make it safer rather than going with concrete; Phil will also be spraying for wild parsnip and putting up caution signs.

Veterans Memorial Update:

- Matt shared an update from the Veterans Memorial Committee; their mindset is to keep the project simple; the committee visited the City of Trimont to gather information on how they can replicate a similar project in Jackson; they are working with a stonework company out of Spencer, Iowa; now that they have a concept in mind, they can have the stonework company create a design/drawing.

Adjournment:

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

Next Meeting:

August 9th, 2022 at 530pm.