

**Jackson Park Board Meeting  
Jackson City Hall  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 530pm**

**Present:** Matt Skaret, Larry Anderson, Lynne Anderson, Jen Eicholz, Phil Markman, Michael Haeffner, Michael Gruhkle, Luke Ewald

**Absent:** Mike Gilbert.

**Guests:** Dave Hargen, John Schultz, and Doug Nestegard (Veteran Plaza Committee)

**Agenda Items:**

**Ashley Park Shelter House Ribbon Cutting**

- Ribbon Cutting event will be 9/22/2020 at 530pm.
- **Action Step:** contact Jackson County Pilot to notify them on new photo date.

**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; this one of the main barriers
- Action Step: Based on the conversation, it would probably be worth doing GIS Mapping or surveying; 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.

**Veterans Park Update**

- Before last winter, there was some momentum but with snowbirds going south, COVID19, and Legion being closed, several veterans haven't been able to meet or raise funding; funding has been hard because of State mandated funding.
- Main concept is to have each branch of the service on a podium/pillar that would go around in an oval; active and non-active military names would be engraved on these pillars.
- There is an architect in Spencer, IA that would be ideal contact but Matt will check with Boekett Lumber for an in-house architect to save on costs.
- The first steps are: get the renderings on the paper, come up with a fundraising plan, and get the word out there about the plan; use the Jackson County Pilot and KKOJ Radio to help promote the project.
- Maintenance of the memorial would be through the City of Jackson.
- Engraving will be done around 2x a year and must have an X number of names ready to go.
- **Action Step:** Luke will email Mike a list of grants for this project.

**Lions Remodel Update**

- Phil gave an update that a quote should be ready end of the week; project can be completed before the end of the year.

### **Community Gardens Update**

- During the August 2020 Park Board meeting, it was determined that we focus on Zimmerli Park as the starting point for a community garden.
- Luke gave an update on possible garden designs, and that he shown Matt the four garden plots located on the south-end of the Jackson County Government Center; the four garden plots are either 4x6 or 6x6 boards.
- Based on the request during the August 2020 meeting, Luke researched a few gardens in the area for designs include Dickinson County Community Gardens and Mankato area gardens.
- Action Step: "One familiar strategy is to subdivide the garden into family-sized plots ranging in size from 100 to 500 square feet. Sometimes a section of the garden is reserved for the community to grow crops too large for individual plots (corn, pumpkins, watermelons, fruit trees, grapes, berries). Gardeners divide the bounty from these shared plots. (See a design of a typical plot garden in the appendix). On a quarter-acre lot, there is room for approximately 35 garden plots, each 10 feet × 20 feet separated by three-foot-wide pathways"

### **Phil/Neal Report**

- The city got a good start on the paint striping, but will finish next week due to rain this week.
- The county requested bike stencils for South Highway Project.
- The ice skate rink will be moved to Memorial Park in the next month.

### **Adjournment:**

### **Next Meeting:**

- 10/13/2020 at 530pm