

Jackson Park Board Meeting Notes
July 9th, 2019
530pm, Jackson City Hall

Attendees: Matt Skaret, Lynne Anderson, Larry Anderson, Luke Ewald, Michael Haeffner, Mike Gruhlke, Jennifer Eicholz, Phil Markman

Guests: Marissa Bauer (Safety First), Dave Hargan, Doug Nestegard(Veterans)

Not in Attendance: Mike Gilbert

1. Safety First Playground:

Marissa has taken over for Bob, her father, for the bulk of Safety First; a report package was distributed to the park board giving information on each park and safety concerns; the philosophy they use is to replace highest risk to lowest risk when looking at parks and play equipment; the entire cost to repair playgrounds do not have to be paid all up front-- projects can be worked on throughout the years.

A. Dumont Park: The easiest way to prevent injuries is having proper maintenance and safe surfacing/containment area; remove playground system and remove slide; there are small repairs for swings (swing chain damage); miracle tent is a good replacement for a merry-go-round.

B. Central Park: thought this park to be in the best shape for equipment among all parks; look at replacing surfacing and borders; guard rail barrier, and seats should be replaced in next 12 months.

C. Ashley Park: one of the worst parks we have; if we are going to invest funds in a park, this is the park to update; it is recommended to decommission this park and start over; we could start with repairs to swings, spring riders, and make changes to surfacing and then add a new playground— likely be around \$90,000-\$100,000.

D. Patterson Park: recommend decommissioning park; replace merry-go-round; new surfacing, address issues with swings, and guardrail with a barrier; there are also concrete footers that are exposed which is why resurfacing is needed.

E. Sunset Park: better condition than most of the other parks are in; has freestanding slide that needs to be decommissioned; relocate spring riders; add new surfacing; replace swing seats.

F. Zimmerli Park: this park has a slide and swings; this is not a heavily used playground; recommended to remove slide or add containment area around it; other option is to decommission the playground.

G. Final comments: when doing a new playground, look at age separation for younger kids and older kids at the same parks; get surfacing in parks that need it the most-- tamarac wood surfacing is recommended because it is safer and generally more cost effective; pearlock is no longer considered compliant in playgrounds and shredded rubber doesn't set well in the summer and has distinct odor; look at following ADA compliant rules when installing new playgrounds; local assistance can save a lot of money; Safety First works 7 days a week during the summer and have flexible hours.

2. Larry A. —Boeketts Shelter House Drawings:

Electrical needs updating; suggestion to have a mobile island for shelter house; the draft shows there are four garage doors, but it may be worth taking out some of the garage doors (have two garages on the south side and two garages on the north side); it would be nice to have translucent panel to let light in and a window to use when the doors are closed to let air in; we would need to have drawings and specs presented to council and then bid it out to contractors. **Action:** Larry will visit with Dustin/Boeketts on Thursday and look at getting see-through doors, fewer doors, hot water, painting or siding added to shelter house, lighting, island,, covering rafters/ceiling with tin, ceiling fans, electrical and sink/water, and cost estimates.

3. Tennis Court Striping:

Stevenson's is not doing striping. **ACTION:** Michael will call Tennis Court Doctor and C&H Sport Surfaces tomorrow.

Central Park will only be tennis court; Ashley Park— **Action:** Motion by Lynne and second by Jenny for Ashley Park to have one basketball/pickleball court on North and one tennis court on south. Passed unanimously.

Phil will order equipment needed for basketball court. The pickle ball equipment could be stored in boxes outside of the fence (users can put up and take down equipment).

4. Memorial Park Update

Svoboda began ground-breaking. Some items we requested were not part of the project-- the skating rink setup was inaccurate, there was a sidewalk being built over an underground utility box, among other issues and assumptions made by Bob. A new team of SEH staff will be working with Jackson to complete the project; there are some infrastructure updates needed to be done; a new design was setup (draft given to members); the project will be on temporary hold; Scott is the new project lead at this time; the goal is to have this completed by the July 16th city council meeting date;

5. Splash Pad Update

The committee began funding the Splash Pad; the completion date is not yet determined but would like to get the project completed by Fall 2019.

6. Disk Golf Update

Revisit later; Luke will continue to outreach to Chelsea on disk golf need for AGCO.

7. Phil's Report

The park kids are doing great, the parks are looking good. There is adult league volleyball at Sunset Park on Wednesdays throughout the summer. There have been some minor concerns with weeds at some of the parks (ex. Patterson Park)

8. Veteran Plaza update:

Dave Hargan and Doug Nestegard gave a brief update on the Veteran Plaza; the veteran plaza committee recently reconvened and is looking at what they would like to have at the Memorial Plaza; they would like to improve communication with the park

board so everyone is on the same page; the next steps are looking at the different service branches, four columns for servicemen names, landscaping, lighting, flagpoles, possibly using colored concrete surfacing. They would like to have concept made up in the next month and then deliver the drawing to an architect.

9. Next Meeting: August 13th, 2019, at 5:30 pm.
Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Anderson (and notes from Luke Ewald).