

Park Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
City Hall

Present: Mike Gruhlke, Michael Haeffner, Mike Gilbert, Matt Skaret, Luke Ewald, Lynne Anderson. Guests: John Schultz, Jeff Johnson, Sharon Henning, Kristy Thurmer, Bob Kost, Anna Springer.

Absent: Larry Anderson, Phil Markman, Jen Eicholz

1. **Welcome** to Luke Ewald as the new member of the Jackson City Park Board.
2. **Review of Memorial Park Plans** by Bob Kost and Anna Springer. Changes from Original Plan done in 2012.
 - a. Wetlands impact—**It was learned from the land survey that a portion of the south part of the park is in a wetland and floodway zone which will result in a change of some plans.**
 - b. Splash Pad and Play area
 - c. Location and Size of Veteran's MemorialDiscussion held on how these changes can be incorporated into a new Park Plan.
3. **Veteran's Memorial:** Presentation by Jeff Johnson and John Schultz with ideas for the Veteran's memorial. Their basic ideas are: cost effectiveness, use of the natural setting, backlighting, simplicity, stainless steel, with a possible water feature. The size area is approximately 80X80. Placement at end of White Street. Memorial design by SEH is not in current project. However, because of wetland area the Dog Park, Canoe Launch and 1 mile of trail may not be possible and those funds can be redirected to the design cost. **ACTION TAKEN:** Park Board recommended that SEH will take pictures/ideas presented tonight by the Veterans and come up with a couple designs for the Veterans' Committee to consider.
4. **Splash Pad:** Sharon Henning and Kristi Thurmer were in attendance to help work the Splash Pad/Playground into the new Memorial Park Plans.
 - A. Question?: Would the Splash Pad committee construct the Splash Pad as a separate project with SEH doing the excavation/ground prep only in Phase I **OR** would SEH include the whole Splash Pad Project in Phase I. These considerations were discussed:
 1. Flow-through system vs. Recirculating system. SEH recommends the Flow through System because it is easier maintenance, less use of chemicals, daily monitoring and initial cost is less. However, the current plan is for the Recirculating system.
 2. Include more drains, consider heavy rains and perimeter drainage, flood impacts, staff training, playground surface, water sprays from above, patterned concrete, benches.
 3. Move Splash Pad approximately 60 feet East of its present location to avoid wetlands issues.
 4. It was noted that with the new turf there will be an irrigation system. As a result, there would be a use for the used splash pad water from a Flow-through system. This was not considered before when the City Council expressed its preference for the more expensive recirculation system.
 - B. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Park Board asked Sharon and Kristi to take these suggestions/recommendations back to their group for review. The Splash Pad Committee will be placed on the agenda of the next City Council meeting where final decisions will be made.

5. **Ashley Shelter House:** Harry Jenness, building inspector, said the current building is salvageable. Discussion: remodeling—how extensive, costs, needs/wants, our budget limits. Michael did visited with Dennis Bertram and Scott Swensen, who were both open to bidding on project. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mike Gilbert will line up Andy Welp, who built Lakefield's shelter house, to our next meeting for ideas for remodel vs rebuild.

6. **Tennis Court resurface:** Brian Rahe of M&R Paving from New Ulm will give us a bid. We do have one bid from Stevenson Asphalt for \$20,900.00 without stripping/lining. No action taken.

7. **Phil's Report:** Phil not able to attend meeting.

8. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, October 9th at 5:30 at City Hall.