

Jackson Park Board Meeting

Jackson City Hall

9/14/2021

Attendees:

- Michael Haeffner, Matt Skaret, Neal Carlson, Luke Ewald, Jen Eicholz, Chris Vee, Mike Gruhlke (via phone).
- Absent: Lynne Anderson, Mike Gilbert.
- Guests: N/A.

Dog Park Community Survey:

- Luke shared a brief overview of the Dog Park; overall, the land west of MnWest and Nelson Creek trail had the highest number of votes; there was also discussion about the southern area of Albertus Fields that showcase an ideal location with the additional amenities offered around Albertus Fields; there was discussion that we could possibly have both MnWest and Albertus Fields (an unofficial location) dog park.
- One of the next steps we should do is begin looking at what we want the dog park to look like; Bill Swan put together what the area of the MnWest land would look like; we would need to explore how to piece out the southern area of Albertus Field to accommodate the current sports that are played their seasonally.
- Luke will reach out to the Jackson County Animal Protection Society (JCAPS) to get input on dog park design and features for MnWest and Albertus Fields.

Council Approved Disc Golf Baskets

Bill Swan has been busy mowing and getting the fairways put together for the Disc Golf Course; Bill is planning to purchase new disc golf tournaments; the City Council approved purchasing eighteen new baskets (\$6,600); there has been ongoing discussion with ensuring proper maintenance; the fairways will be ADA-complaint; Bill would like to have all the fairways done before the end of the year so it is ready to go for next year. Neal, Phil, Matt, and Bill also met and discussed t-boxes last week. Bill would like the City to make 5'x10' cement t-boxes. Neal and Matt indicated they will continue to look into this.

Canoe/Kayak Launch Update:

- Drew sent Luke an email regarding the Canoe/Kayak Launch projects in Windom; Phase I of the Windom Water Trail will be 2.8 miles from Dynamite Park to Island Park. SHIP helped with signage. The Windom Kiwanis Club helped raise \$6,080 for the low impact kayak and canoe launch in Dynamite Park and a more regular launch in Island Park (steps). The biggest variable is the water level, so ice does not rip it out and you can still use. Dick's Welding is currently

building the low impact kayak and canoe launch in Dynamite Park. Windom will use concrete slabs from a railroad crossing for the steps.

- For Jackson, we would like to focus on Memorial Park (south of the ripples); ideal locations would be where individuals fish; an ultimate goal would be to connect to Des Moines River in Emmet County; Mike will connect with Phil Nasby about where the DNR will fit into this project.
- Action Steps: connect with Windom on what they have done for their Kayak/Canoe Launches.

Phil/Neal Report:

Neal and Phil have been working with Bill Swanson on the disc golf course; they've been working to stay ahead of mowing; keeping things clean for Jackson Fall Fest on 9/18/2021.

Patterson Park (Add-On):

- Motion made by Chris, seconded by Jen, to recommend the Thomas Hill-Patterson Park Trail Connection project with consultation with Jackson County Engineer.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting:

October 12th, 2021 at 530pm.