

**Jackson Park Board Meeting
Jackson City Hall**

5/10/2022

Attendees:

- Attendees: Matt Skaret, Neal Carlson, Luke Ewald, Lynne Anderson, Michael Gruhlke, Phil Markman, Michael Haeffner, Jerry Palmer, Michael Gilbert.
- Absent: N/A
- Guests: Chris Scholten and Scott Hargus,

Jen Eicholz Resignation:

- Motioned made by Mike Gruhkle, seconded by Luke, to accept Jen's resignation, all in favor, motion carries; Jen shared in her resignation that Tuesday meetings have conflicts with work and her kid's activities.

Dog Park Update:

- Chris expressed his concerns with Albertus Fields being used for the Dog Park; he shared an idea to have it located on the Eastside where the snow is dumped—though Phil expressed his concerns about losing space to pile snow in the wintertime.
- Mike Gruhkle asked if there was competition between teams and schools for using other area fields; Michael Gilbert believes the area fields are always full.

Community Foundation Grant Award:

- Luke reported that the Park Board was successful in its Community Foundation Grant Application for hockey sticks, pucks, and goals for the skating area. Matt and Michael H. are willing to attend the Jackson Community Foundation grant meeting on 5/12/2022 at 6pm at the Jackson Pizza Ranch.

Pickleball Courts/Nets:

- Luke mentioned there is a need for pickleball nets; Phil shared there was discussion in the past years when updates were being made to the courts; it is really a two inch difference between a pickleball and tennis court net; having to change the nets every time tennis or pickleball court users wish to use them.

Park Grills:

- Hargus shared concerns about Sunset Park. They have reserved Sunset Park since January 2022; the chief concern is the grills were removed, and never mentioned to them that park improvement projects were happening; this could have ruined their plans to use the park on Saturday. Markman and Skaret noted that the grills were removed from the park because they

were in deteriorating condition, subject to vandalism, and that most people bring their own grills.

Phil/Neal Report:

- Simon Pell and Gav Jacobsen accepted the seasonal park job openings; there are other kids who they are waiting to hear from or they will; motion made by Luke, seconded by Michael Gilbert, to recommend Ben Spaeth for seasonal assistance, all in favor, motion carries.
- The city turned on park water in the parks;
- Safety First has been here to install the new ADA-compliant swirl in Ashley Park and do the improvements in Dumont Park. However, the new pieces of equipment for Dumont Park are not in yet. Matt has received positive and negative comments from residents and Safety First pertaining to removal off the pea-rock and installation of the woodchips

Other Updates:

Disc Golf Course Update:

- Bill Swan shared an update on the new disc golf course: the course is coming along nicely; their team procured the main materials needed for bridges last week and have had them delivered to the course already. Costs covered by the disc-golf club fund.
- All 18 fairways are roughed in and are actually ready for the city mower to keep up on maintenance. They have marked rocks with paint and flags for identification of hazards to the mower.
- They have about 4 hours of branch removal to accomplish from the furthest fairways, but have been making good progress therein. They appreciate the city employees taking our piles from along the trail without us even having to ask. That was a very pleasant surprise.
- They intend to rent a skid-steer with an auger attachment for doing the baskets as soon as the ground is a bit firmer. If the city is willing to provide that equipment, we can do the work and would use the money instead for course beautification and signage.
- Finally, it's the tee-pad installation works and they have a course. That can be accomplished any time now. When they are ready, Bill will call in to 811 (Gopher one-call) and have the underground utilities marked prior to digging and placement. Bill can place the white markers as well so they know where each pad goes.
- Finally, it would be a good idea to have a signage and safety awareness discussion for the co-use of the area. The course design elements are focused on safe interactions, clear pathways, and overall avoidance. I would be happy to provide a walk-through of the course for those interested—Bill attend a future trail committee and Park Board meeting (possibly 6/14/2022).
- Matt will reach out to Bill to notify Bill on the tee-pads.

Kayak Launch:

- Phil shared they have looked at the kayak launch on 5/10/2022; they are looking at buying everything from the lumberyard or using existing material they have on hand; with water levels now rising, this might make the project a little more cumbersome to work on.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting:

June 14th, 2022 at 530pm.