

## **From the Desk of the Administrator**

What a "GREAT" May we are having after the long drawn out winter season. If we can just get the Reds to step it up a couple of notches, I will consider that a plus. I said in my last article I would be discussing with you Peak Shaving of electric during hot spells during the summer and the fall seasons. I have decided I would like to talk with you about the swimming pool and its future after holding a Public Meeting on the pool.

The swimming pool is opening for the 49<sup>th</sup> time this summer. But not without a scare. We only had 5 applicants turn in applications for the Lifeguard position. This is only about half the total we need to operate the pool for the season. The Park and Pool Committee met and had some great conversation on the lifeguard situation, pool facility and its age, and possible future of the pool and /or other options.

With this it was brought up to hold a public meeting to get input from the fine citizens of Jackson Center on their thoughts on the same issues the Park and Pool Committee discussed.

The meeting response was awesome with approximately 30 citizens attending and the Park and Pool Committee would like to THANK everyone for their input and comments.

We discussed the lifeguard issue and ways to get more interested in the job and ways to help them get certified. We also discussed ways to attract some more so we can open this year.

We also discussed the age of the pool and maintenance that will be needed if we want to keep a pool in our community. Then lastly, we discussed alternatives if we decide to close the pool. Splash Pads were explained and discussed. Splash Pads are just that, concrete pads with spray features and there is no standing water so no lifeguards are needed.

After much discussion and input the consensus was to keep the pool and work on ways to help eliminate the lifeguard issues.

The Park and Pool Committee met after the meeting and we will be moving forward and looking into the cost of renovation and its cost as well, and different funding options. Also, a certification and recertification pay back plan will be offered to the Lifeguards. The Village also will be sending one of the Pool Managers to become certified to teach Lifeguarding. The Village can then hold their own classes at the pool for certifying lifeguards.

And as I finish up, we are up to 8 guards and opening day will be June, 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30.

(Next month: Peak Shaving)