



**City of Jordan
Park and Recreation Commission
April 26, 2010**

Members Present: Chair Jerry Langsweirdt; Vice Chair Donna Breeggemann; Mayor Pete Ewals; and Thom Boncher, John Glynn, Margaret Knutson, Bryant Baker

Staff Present: Senior Planner, Joe Janish; Planning Consultant, Joanne Foust

Others Present: Ray Sandey, Bill Remick, Tim Young, Dean Christianson

1.0 Call to Order.

Chair Langsweirdt called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00pm.

2.0 Adopt Agenda.

Senior Planner Janish noted that he was contacted by the Girl Scouts and would like to add item 6.0 A Lagoon Park Mural.

Motion Breeggemann seconded by Knutson to adopt agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

3.0 Approval of Minutes.

A. March 22, 2010 Minutes

Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Boncher to approve the March 22, 2010 Minutes, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

B. April 19, 2010 Workshop Minutes

Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Boncher to approve the April 19, 2010 Workshop Minutes as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

4.0 Presentations/Discussions.

A. Master Park and Trail Plan

Sally Wakefield was present and provided an overview of the GIS information. The purpose of the information was to identify areas to preserve, and evaluate potential future park /trail locations. Sally Wakefield provided a brief overview of how the process was developed, by providing a value to each of the items that those who surveyed identified. If an area had more than one occurrence the value would be higher and the color would change.

Areas that had been provided as potential areas to preserve included: steep slopes and bluffs, water quality (lakes, rivers, streams), wetlands, floodplain, shoreland, RSEA, Scenic qualities, tree cover, wildlife habitat, prime agricultural soils, park search areas.

Park and Recreation members asked to include the DNR owned land within the mapping to help assist with creating corridors, add aerials as a layer, double check the existing trails, and also add state and federally owned land.

Sally Wakefield noted the next steps for this project would be to add information the Park and Recreation Commission would like to see and then to refine the preservation model, and draft and refine enhancement model.

Park and Recreation Commissioners also requested to see information related to playfield areas as well, based upon demographics, transportation, flat land based upon elevations, and proximity to other active recreation areas.

B. Basketball Court Discussion (Bridle Creek Additions 1-4)

Senior Planner Janish stated the Park and Recreation Commission has discussed constructing a basketball court in the Bridle Creek Park due to the potential donation of \$4,500 from a private individual. The City had estimated the cost of a full court to be around \$25,000. Janish noted that at a previous meeting the Park and Recreation Commission wanted to hear from the residents in the area about a potential project and if the neighborhood would be willing to provide for some of the costs.

The Park and Recreation Commission allowed for those present to discuss the basketball court.

Those in attendance spoke that if a court is constructed a full court should be built. It was noted that some folks can have a "half court" type of play within a driveway. Those present indicated that they would be willing to fundraise to obtain funds for the court.

Janish noted he received some emails from residents which indicated: support for the project, support for the project and suggested a restroom be added, concern with the type of folks who may utilize the court, concern over the traffic this item may bring to the park. Janish also indicated he had two phone calls that expressed support.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded Knutson to recommend matching the \$4,500 donation toward a full size cement basketball court contingent on raising balance of funds by Sept 1, 2010. Motion unanimously approved.

5.0 Old Business.

A. Project/Discussion Update.

Mr. Janish provided an update on past projects. Commissioner Boncher noted this format is what he was looking for.

Commissioner Boncher indicated staff should provide a list of planters or beds that are not yet adopted to the commissioners.

B. Carver Scott SHIP (Statewide Health and Improvement Program)

Janish indicated that this program is promoting non-motorized transportation and active living. Participating cities would be able to take advantage of the following opportunities: monetary incentives, assistance, and support.

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed pursuing walkable community workshops or other active living assessments, promotion of existing parks, trails or other recreation areas, technical assistance for implementing and promoting existing action plans, having a trail gap analysis conducted, looking at handicap accessibility of parks and park equipment, options to provide a safe crossing of highway 169.

Janish provided additional background information on the program which included the City of Jordan would potentially be awarded up to \$7,000 to \$10,000 dollars. The first step would be to conduct a self assessment, and then create an action plan to complete the items identified.

Janish noted the walkable workshop, involves finding 20 to 30 individuals who would be willing to spend a morning, afternoon, or evening walking around the community. Janish noted organizing an event like this would typically take three months.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Glynn, to approve moving forward with the proposed project and recommending to the City Council any funds received be placed within the PEI account. Motion unanimously approved.

C. Strategic Planning Discussion

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed the two proposed Mission Statements for group. It was the consensus of the group to use “To strive for quality and fiscally responsible recreation opportunities while recognizing the needs and wants of our community.”

The commission also requested staff to have the strategic plan on the next agenda in order to prioritize the items listed.

Janish informed the Commissioners that the intent is to present this information to the City Council at their June 21st Workshop meeting.

6.0 New Business.

A. Lagoon Park Mural.

Senior Planner provided a proposed mural for the existing Lagoon Park restrooms. Janish noted the Girl Scouts are looking for a project to do and the mural would be painted by the girl scouts.

Commissioners discussed the proposal and had some concerns with having the children as part of the mural because of past vandalism issues with similar murals. The Commission expressed in interest in pursuing a mural but asked that staff contact the Girl Scouts and suggest they provide some other proposals for the next meeting.

7.0 Planners Report.

A. PEI and Parkland Dedication Account Information.

Commissioners acknowledged the account information.

B. Community Education Update.

Janish noted due to the items on this evenings agenda staff requested Brenda Lieske to attend the May meeting to provide a similar report that the City Council recently received.

8.0 Commissioner Report.

Commissioner Knutson indicated the Baseball Association had a good fundraiser.

Commissioner Glynn questioned when public works would pick up the parks for sticks.

Commissioner Boncher noted that the 2008 EAW for the Proposed Gravel Pit did not include noise calculations and the new proposed EAW should contain this information.

Mayor Ewals noted that about 70 folks attended the meeting at the high school related to the proposed gravel pit in Sand Creek Township by the SCALE Training Facility.

9.0 Adjournment.

Motion Knutson, seconded by Glynn, to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 9:32 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish
Senior Planner