



**City of Jordan**  
**Park and Recreation Commission Workshop (Park Tours)**  
**August 25, 2009**

**Members Present:** Chair Jerry Langsweirdt; Vice Chair Donna Breeggemann; Council Representative Mayor Ewals; Margaret Knutson; Thom Boncher; Tim Bischke and John Glynn.

**Staff Present:** Senior Planner, Joe Janish

**Others Present:** None.

This workshop involved visiting three parks: Lions, Log Cabin and Pekarna Park. Members also visited the skate park in Lagoon Park in order to have a discussion at their regular meeting.

Park and Recreation Members had a form provided by staff to assist in looking at the parks and reviewing potential improvements and to make comments on certain items.

Lions Park:

1. Are there existing connections from this park to other parks, trails or greenways?  
5 No 1 Yes (makeshift)

(5) Suggestions to create a path to go under 169 made.

2. Describe significant features in the park:
  - A. Water Resources (6 identified Sand Creek) (possible boat launch)
  - B. Steep Slopes (5)
  - C. Historic/cultural amenities – none listed
  - D. Other:
    - Excellent Shelter
    - Park and Ride
    - Horse shoes not used
    - Has porta-potty
    - Highway 169

3. Is the park handicap accessible?  
Yes (1) No (2) Portions (3)

4. Is parking sufficient?  
Yes (3) No (3)

Not when Park and Ride is here.  
Probably not if enough peoples use Park and Ride.  
None for bicycles.

Other comments:

Questioned if the outlet on the tree was up to code.

Suggested putting light bulbs in the shelter – suggested vandal resistance bulbs

Questioned cat food next to base of tree

Questioned why this park is the only one with a port-a-potty

(5) Picnic tables should be painted

Small underused park.

(2) Row of trees to soften highway

Bike rack

Hole in culvert in path to bridge

(2) Dead trees along bank

Consider planting hedge along creek

Need sand in horseshoe pits or they won't be used

Low spots at grill and garbage can

(2) Missing garbage can

Prune lower branches to make maintenance easier

Nice selection of benches, tables

No water supply

Worth keeping horse-shoe pits

No bathroom facilities

Log Cabin

1. Are there existing connections from this park to other parks, trails or greenways?  
Yes (6) No

Only sidewalks

2. Describe any significant features in the park:
  - A. Water resources
  - B. Steep slopes
  - C. Historic/cultural amenities: Log Cabin (6) part of the CGO district
  - D. Other
3. Is the park handicap accessible?  
Yes (2) No (2) Portions (1) ? (1)

Sidewalk or path to cabin should be installed

Varner Street bridge upgrade

4. Is parking sufficient?

Yes (6) No (0)

Offstreet

Other Comments:

Some plantings have died

(2) Railroad parts and cable lying next to cabin

Pruning needs to occur

(2) Remove buckthorn

(2) Need new flagpole and flag

Hostas in poor condition

When is bldg open and who has keys

Adopt a Garden candidate

How often is this open and for what and why

Pekarna Park

1. Are there existing connections from this park to other parks, trails or greenways?  
Yes (5) No (0)
2. Describe any significant features in the park:
  - A. Water resources (4) Sand Creek
  - B. Steep slopes (4) to Sand Creek
  - C. Historic/cultural amenities (3) Gazebo, Pekarna Meats
  - D. Other: Gazebo, Railroad
3. Is the park handicap accessible?  
Yes (3) No (1) Portions (2)

No curb cut

4. Is Parking Sufficient?  
Yes (4) No

No handicap parking

Other Comments:

- (4) Trim trees from Gazebo
- (2) Street lights not in sync
- Rope lighting always on (inside shelter)
- Take down white fence around trees
- (5) Remove buckthorn & other weeds
- Very rough by bridge
- Adopt a garden candidate
- (3) Cut down dead trees
- (2) Gazebo could be cleaned
- Cover tree roots

As noted earlier the Park and Recreation Commission also visited the Skate Park to review some damage that was done due to vandals. Many members took notes which will be included in the Mini-Met notes expected to occur in September.

Respectfully Submitted,

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