



**City of Jordan
Park and Recreation Commission
February 27, 2012**

Members Present: Chair Donna Breeggemann, Council Liaison Thom Boncher, David Hanson, Lance Schmitt, Tim Bischke, Margaret Knutson, Nancy Murray

Staff Present: Senior Planner Joe Janish, and City Engineer Mike Waltman

Others Present: Council Member Joe Thill, Diane Langenbach, Rick Lockert, and Jeff Will

1.0 Call to Order.

Chair Breeggemann called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Adopt Agenda.

Motion Boncher, seconded Hanson, to approve agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

3.0 Approval of Minutes.

A. January 23, 2012 Minutes

Motion Boncher seconded Hanson to approve the minutes with amended name change (insert Mayor and Councilmember prior to the proper folks). Motion approved unanimously.

B. February 13, 2012 Work Session Minutes

Motion Boncher, seconded Hanson to approve the minutes with amended language related to the suggestion by business owners that they would consider participating with the tree costs along with inserting Mayor and Councilmember prior to the proper individuals. Motion approved unanimously.

4.0 Presentations/Discussions.

A. MnDOT Report on Highway 21 Resurfacing

Diane Langenbach was present to discuss items related to the Highway 21 replacement project. Langenbach noted that the project is expected to start July 16th and last about 2 months with a cost estimate of \$800,000, with the City of Jordan paying \$9,538.

Langenbach noted that the folks at the MNDOT office noted that the bollards are too close to the roadway and too dangerous. Langenbach spoke with Public Works Director Bendzick and it was noted he is comfortable without them. Member Hanson noted that safety and maintenance don't always agree with each other and would prefer to see the bollards installed and questioned if they could be moved further from the street. Langenbach noted she would again ask folks at the Office about the new location.

Langenbach noted the cost of \$6,744 for colored concrete which would be entirely up to the City of Jordan to pay for. Waltman noted that it is virtually impossible to replace the colored concrete in the future with an exact match. This would create a situation in the future where individuals would be able to see the “patchwork” that would occur over time. Janish noted that the current policy is that the property owner abutting the street would be responsible for repairs, so if a crack occurred the adjacent business would experience an additional cost to replace the slab under the current policy.

Langenbach indicated MNDOT maintenance folks had concerns with the Bike Lanes, due not being able to sweep the roadway. She stated she had a conversation earlier in the day with Public Works Director Bendzick and found the City already sweeps Highway 21 about every two weeks which should be able to accommodate sweeping of the bike lanes. The Bike Lanes could not be put in place strictly as a traffic calming device either. However, the City of Jordan does have a trail plan which the lanes would incorporate in, so the lanes would be included.

Commissioner Bischke questioned if the lanes had not been part of the plan, and Langenbach noted the bike lanes have always been part of the plan. Commissioner Bischke noted that the staff write-up was incorrect and was providing misinformation.

Langenbach noted that the costs for a speed sign was \$9,000 for solar and \$11,000 for powered. MNDOT recommends that everyone waits until the project is complete and a speed sign is not part of the project at this time.

Members begin to discuss concerns and remedies that could be taken to improve pedestrian crossings, especially at Water Street and Highway 21. Langenbach noted she would look into the placement of a diamond pedestrian crossing sign at the location.

Commissioner Knutson indicated she would like to see handicap accessible ramps at the handicap parking stalls. Knutson noted it is difficult for some individuals for the current proposed locations and involves those individuals to entering the roadway to gain access to the ramps.

Chair Breeggemann questioned the status of additional bike lanes along Highway 282 and partitioning a part of Highway 282 shoulder for use as a multi-use trail. Langenbach noted she would again have to check, but as of this evenings meeting has not yet heard from the folks she was seeking input from.

B. Revised Highway 282 Landscaping Plan

Waltman informed Commissioners that he and Senior Planner Janish presented a revised plan for adding landscaping along the Highway 282 corridor based upon Commissioner Hansons ideas and sketches at the February 13th meeting. Janish noted some concerns still existed from the Business Owners such as costs participation ratio’s and also maintenance concerns, however many of the maintenance concerns have been dealt with if the PRC does not seek MNDOT funding. Waltman noted that he “played” tree in some locations as business representatives or owners had walked around their property.

Council Liaison Boncher noted he felt too few trees are proposed. Boncher noted that the original proposed included 37 trees and we are now talking less than 16. Boncher suggested placing additional trees along Frandsen Bank between the intersection of Creek Lane and their sign. Janish noted that the direction from the PRC was to follow Commissioner Hanson’s sketch

and in January the PRC had removed trees from this segment in order to allow for visibility of the dynamic sign. Janish and Waltman noted if the PRC adds trees the business owners will more than likely pull their support for the project.

Members discussed that additional trees could should not be added, due to the possibility of losing the business support for the project. Members did discuss placing a bench near the bridge on the Southern side of Highway 282.

Motion Knutson, seconded Hanson to recommend to the City Council that the City would pay 75% of the costs with the business owners providing 25%, the City of Jordan would help to water the trees for the first two years, with the business owners watering after that. After discussing the ratios it was determined that the business owners will have additional costs for maintenance and the higher city participation in the beginning is favorable. Motion approved unanimously.

5.0 Old Business.

A. Project Updates

Members reviewed the current project updates.

Janish noted that the City Administrator recently requested the City Attorney to complete additional work related to the possible purchase of parkland within Wexford Square.

Members questioned if it would be possible to obtain a list of what has been completed at the Lagoon Park Restrooms.

B. Walkable Communities Workshop

Members discussed the possible walkability workshop. This was rescheduled to March 24th at the Jordan High School.

C. Holzer Park Restroom Upgrades

Janish provided information from past meetings related to improvements to Holzer Park. Members discussed that staff provide a drawing that would make the Holzer Park Restrooms Handicap accessible for the next meeting. Commissioner Murray questioned why no drawings had been provided when staff provided multiple versions of play equipment. Janish noted that the information within the packet was information that had been provided in the past, no drawings have been done to date for remodels at the bathrooms.

Motion Hanson, seconded Murray to fix the back stop at Holzer Park prior to April 1st or sooner, with looking at using concrete to keep the fence from curling. Breeggemann suggested contacting local fence companies in order to see what could be done to prevent the curling. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded Knutson, to install new signs noting no motorized vehicles beyond this point, violators will be prosecuted, and identifying the area as handicap parking. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff was directed to provide a layout for making the restrooms at Holzer Park ADA compliant.

6.0 New Business.

None.

7.0 Planners Report

A. PEI and Parkland Dedication Account Information

This information was reviewed by the Park and Recreation Commission.

B. Additional comments on Highway 21 pavement project by MNDOT.

Janish noted he wanted to discuss a comment made by a PRC member during the Highway 21 pavement project. Janish handed out an email dated February 22, 2012 between Diane Langenbach and Ed Shukle noting that MNDOT is fine with putting in the bike lane but is not able to maintain it by sweeping or painting. Janish also noted that the plans provided to the City of Jordan also do not show the bike lanes on the plans. Mr. Janish noted the information shared with the PRC is why staff noted the bike lanes are not within the plans. Chair Breeggemann indicated she has worked on MNDOT Projects during her career and if the items are not shown in the plan they are either not done or become added and are much more expensive. Members noted that something in writing should be sent from MNDOT.

8.0 Council Update.

Council Liaison Boncher indicated that several proposals to operate gravel pits are being reviewed by Scott County.

Council Liaison Boncher noted that the 169 underpass is on hold due to not receiving funding.

Council Liaison Boncher stated that some folks have expressed concern over the type of water meters the City of Jordan uses, and the city should provide different meters to the residents.

9.0 Commissioner Report.

Members questioned if the proposed date for bonding of the Rice Street Bridge could be provided to them.

Commissioner Hanson noted that he met with folks from the Commercial Club related to a donation of trees and would like to have maps in order to pick the locations. Council Liaison Boncher questioned how many trees are cut down and replaced on average throughout the City of Jordan. Members noted they would like to review what some cities do for a city tree farm.

Commissioner Knutson noted that the City needs more ball fields in order to obtain tournaments.

10.0 Adjournment.

Motion Knutson, seconded Boncher, to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 10:17 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish