MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF JORDAN
IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT
MARCH 26, 2018

Present: Donna Breeggemann, Michael Salzwedel, Nathan Warden, Grant Tilus, Brenda Lieske
Absent: Becky Brewster, Terry Stier
Also Present: Lucinda Meyers, City Planner

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

Chair Breeggemann requested to move item 4 D to the beginning of the agenda due to the presence of residents at the meeting interested in the item.

Motion Salzwedel to adopt the agenda with the requested change. Second Warden. Vote all ayes. Motion approved.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 12, 2018

Motion Salzwedel, second Warden to approve February 12, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Lieske abstained from voting. Vote all ayes. Motion approved.

B. February 26, 2018 – Special Meeting

Motion Breeggemann, second Salzwedel to approve February 26, 2018 special meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Lieske and commissioner Warden abstained from voting. Vote all ayes. Motion approved.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018 Goals and Projects

Planner Meyers presented the item to the commission. Chair Breeggemann requested the language be clarified on Goal 8- Master planning of community parks should be considered prior to development. The master plan would address the actual land to be acquired, the types and locations of facilities within each park, the cost associated with the development, and the operations of the park. Stating that the goal should be the first step to any project.
Commissioner Warden stated that under the trails section, Goals 1 and 2 should be prioritized. 

Goal 1 - Construct a Safe Crossing over/under Highway 169. Revisit the 2010 TH 169 Trail Crossing Study and coordinate a project with Scott County’s Trail Plan, MnDOT, the DNR and FEMA. Pursue grant programs to assist in the funding. 

Goal 2 - Provide Connectivity in Jordan’s Sidewalk and Trail System. Continue to budget for and construct segments of trails and sidewalks to complete systems and provide connectivity with essential links to schools, historic sites, parks, and commercial areas. Evaluate which areas should be served with sidewalk versus trail by analyzing intended users and the type of system the segment will connect to (e.g. concrete or bituminous).

Commissioner Salzwedel requested modification to the wording of Goal 4- under Annual Financial Planning Goals and Recommendations- Land Acquisition Planning. Identify areas which may be acquired through future parkland dedication and areas which may need to be acquired with City funds. Begin budgeting for future land acquisition.

The commission discussed the highway 169 interchange and improvements that could temporarily increase safety while the city waits for the interchange. Options included signage and lighting. The commission stated pedestrian safety at the intersection is a major concern. Lack of perceived/actual safety is a hindrance to pedestrian mobility between the north and south side of the city due to the intersection.

Chair Breeggemann requested the removal of Goal 5- under Annual Financial Planning Goals and Recommendations- Operations and Maintenance. Prepare a management plan for City trail facilities, pathways, sidewalks, and bikeways. Operations and maintenance costs should be included in the annual budget. Breeggemann stated that it does not fall under the commission’s purview. Planner Meyers stated that the goals are associated with the city’s parks and trail system as a whole, which includes maintenance. Meyers stated that Public Works is responsible for that particular goal.

C. Lagoon Park Rental and Concession Stand

Planner Meyers presented the item to the commission. The commission discussed options for increasing the use of the paddleboards. Commissioner Tilus stated that rentals might increase if the rental intervals increased from 1 hour to 2 hours and the price was lowered. The commission discussed the possibility of the CERC offering paddleboard classes. The commission discussed acquiring additional watercraft that would be more appealing to older adults including kayaks and a paddle boat. Tilus indicated that licenses are required for boats above a certain length. The commission discussed seaweed being a deterrent to swimmers and educational efforts that might help decrease the seaweed in the pond through increased awareness of the effects of fertilizers, nitrogen.

D. Safety Signage for Splash Pad and Archery Range

Planner Meyers presented the item to the commission. The commission discussed changes to the wording and order of many of the safety rules presented. The commission requested the addition
of approximate hours and months of operation for the splash pad, as well as operational information.

D. Bridle Creek 9 – Future Additions

Planner Meyers presented the residential development proposal to the commission. Chair Breeggemann inquired upon whether any applicable zoning ordinances have changed since the proposal was initially approved in the early 2000’s. Commissioner Tilus inquired upon the existence of a mechanism that would ensure the park is constructed if the development stalls or is not completed. The commission discussed the elevation of the site designated for the future regional park, stating that the area will require significant grading.

Duane Judge, 1001 Mallard Avenue, stated the existing neighborhood park is 0.8 acres in size. Between his house and 2-3 of his neighbors, there are a total of more than 15 kids. He stated that this is typical of the neighborhood. Judge inquired where the children of the 200+ additional homes will play. He requested that either the city or the HOA develop a park in the 10th or 11th addition to accommodate the demand that will be generated.

Mark Fritz, 1054 Mallard Avenue, requested the commission consider his plan for the integration of parkland into the development. Fritz requested the pie shaped parcel [block 2, lots 1-6] bordered by Shoreview Drive, Northstar Way and Huntington Way be developed as parkland. He requested development of a trail around the stormwater pond [Outlot A] and to connect to the trail proposed along Old Highway 169. Fritz requested one of the lots between the pond and the pie shaped parcel [block 1, lot 31, 32, 33 or 34] also be developed as parkland and feature a pavilion.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan Update – Trails Section

Planner Meyers presented the item to the commission. Councilor Lieske inquired whether bituminous would be a preferred alternative to concrete. Chair Breeggemann indicated that concrete is more durable and has come down in price. Breeggemann noted that there should be a trail connection to Holzer Park across County Road 9. Commissioner Salzwedel emphasized the popularity of trail loops. Tilus stated that loops are highly desirable for cyclists and would be an asset to the city. Tilus raised the idea of creating highly visible loops throughout the city. The commission did no wish to remove any of the trail connections featured on the map provided.

6.0 PLANNERS REPORT

A. Park Updates
B. Next Meeting- May 29, 2018

7.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

8.0 COMMISSIONER MEMBER REPORT
9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Michael Salzwedel and seconded by Grant Tilus. Vote all ayes. Motion Approved.

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Tanya Velishek
Mayor

ATTEST: ________________________________
Tom Nikunen
City Administrator