City of Jordan Park & Recreation Commission Minutes February 27, 2006

Members present:	Commission Chair Ron Beckman, Commission Vice-Chair Jerry Langsweirdt, Commissioners Ken Crane, Willy Pauly and Chris Schwingler, Council Liaison Ron Jabs.
Members absent:	Commissioner Donna Breegeman.
Staff Present:	City Planners Joe Janish and Chelsea Alger, City Administrator Ed Shukle.
Others Present:	Justin Markell.

1. Call to Order:

Commission Chair Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes: January 23, 2006:

Commission Chair Beckman inquired to any changes needing to be made in the minutes. None were stated.

<u>Motion</u>: WP/JL ; to approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2006 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Introduction of City Administrator- Ed Shukle

Administrator Shukle introduced himself to the Park & Recreation Commission.

4. Introduction of City Planner- Chelsea Alger

Planner Alger introduced herself to the Park & Recreation Commission

5. Scenic Heights Review

Planner Alger introduced the concept plan for "Scenic Heights" a 40-acre subdivision south of Stonebridge. She highlighted the sidewalk/trail plan and indicated the park proposal was for cash-in-lieu-of-land due to the proximity of the property to the future regional park to the west.

Justin Markell, representative of Premier Development, approached the Commission, stating they were comfortable with the cash option. He further inquired about a possible credit in park dedication for the construction of trail along Aberdeen and the collector street, as they had done this in other communities. The Commission asked Staff if this

was common. Alger stated that it had not been a policy to provide credit for trail construction in her previous experience and that she would not be supportive of that request. However, if Premier wanted to pursue that option, it would be taken as a formal request and review at the time of preliminary plat. In the meantime, Alger stated she would check with other communities to see what their policies were.

The Commission stated that they were comfortable with the cash option for parks and indicated overall support of the information presented to them by Staff.

6. Other Business

A) Old Business

Planner Janish provided the Commission with an update on current projects Staff and the Commission are working on.

Commission Chair Beckman stated he would like to see a list of names for the skate park by March, a decision by April and a purchase order by May, so the City can get the park up and running yet this year.

The Commission discussed the pool. Janish stated the Pool Committee would likely be at a future meeting again, discussing the option.

B) New Business

Commission Chair Beckman asked if there was any new business to be discussed amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Langsweirdt inquired about the Lagoon bathroom project and whether the City was trying to incorporate a small kitchen area too. Janish indicated that he would be getting two cost estimates on the project; one with the kitchen area and one without.

Council Liaison Jabs indicated that he had attended a County discussion on the Comp Plan updates. Commissioners were encouraged to attend future meetings, as this is a good time to give input.

Janish mentioned that Planning Commissioner Lance Schmitt is now a Scott County Park Board member. The Commission indicated it might be a good idea to have him come to a future meeting with updates.

Janish also indicated that the Jordan area Bike ride would be on June 25th. The group hopes to raise money to help fund bike trails in the community.

Beckman commended the public works staff who worked on the Lagoon Park rink this winter.

Commissioner Schwingler indicated that if anyone knew of any organizations looking for projects, they could plant pots in the downtown area this spring.

Schwingler inquired about trail locations throughout developments that may be removed from the right-of-way to allow for a more unencumbered path. Beckman indicated he had seen some rear yard trails in the City of Chaska. Alger stated she would check with Chaska as see what their policies were.

7. Adjournment

Being no further business before the Commission, Commission Chair Beckman inquired if there was a motion to adjourn.

Motion: CS/KC; to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Alger City Planner