



**CITY OF JORDAN
MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

MONDAY, November 27, 2006

**JORDAN GOVERNMENT CENTER
210 E. 1st. St.
Jordan, MN 55352
Council Chambers,**

Ron Beckman, Chair
Jerry Langsweirdt,
Vice Chair
Donna Breeggemann
Ken Crane
Chris Schwinger
Willy Pauly

Ron Jabs, Mayor and
Council
representative

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by chair Ron Beckman.

Attending the meeting were Chair Ron Beckman, Vice Chair Jerry Langsweirdt, Donna Breeggemann, Ken Crane, and Willy Pauly.

Staff attending were City Administrator Ed Shukle, Joe Janish and Casey MacCallum.

Also in attendance were Attorney Jim Sheldon, and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Project Manager Nick Eoloff; Pool Committee members Gene Sieve, Kat Pass, and Angela Gutsner; and Jordan Valley Bike Tour representatives Roger Hanson and Planning Commission member Tim Bischke.

ADOPT AGENDA: Unanimous approval to set the agenda as presented.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Unanimous approval to accept the October 23, 2006 regular session minutes as presented.

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS: There were two presentations, the first was by Nick Eoloff of Minneapolis' Park and Recreation and the second presentation, delayed due to absences, was by the pool committee.

MINNEAPOLIS PARKS PRESENTATION: Jim Sheldon stated that Minneapolis is reviving intergovernmental cooperation policies by offering Nick Eoloff Project Manager for Minneapolis Park and Recreation's assistance and expertise without cost. Chair Beckman's initial interests concerned signage and perspective.

Continuing his introduction Mr. Eoloff considers the "comprehensive plan is a good starting place" and is open to discussion. He was also encouraged by the county roads, which mandate bike and pedestrian space, and participation of citizens groups.

Chair Beckman considers Jordan to be the bicycle hub of Scott County, and it is important to connect Jordan to Scott County, Belle Plane, Shakopee, and the Metro. The immediate concern is designating streets as bike trails and inquired about the legal concerns, liabilities, and the technical definitions Minneapolis has faced.

Donna Breeggemann also inquired about the designation process, the timeline for planning and construction, connection to schools, and the balance between automobiles and pedestrians.

Jordan Valley Bike Tour representative Roger Hanson stated that Jordan needs to be a part of Scott County's Trail Plan (now in draft form) and Jordan needs to create spokes from the hub.

Nick Eoloff acknowledged Minneapolis assumes no liability and Jim Sheldon confirmed a city regulating bike or pedestrian routes should be well defined, maintained and clearly designated. Currently anyone can ride a bike down public right-of-way and the City is protected by good planning with good research.

Nick Eoloff acknowledged there were no standards but 8' is the minimum, 10' is desired and 12' is great. "Off street" trails are physically separated and do not run contiguous to the street but they may intersect. "On street" trails are at grade and use the street as a path, and may or may not be separated from traffic by painted lines. Minneapolis has 53 miles of bike trails called the Grand Rounds. He stated that he needs to do more research on liability, Scott County's Park and Trail draft plan, Jordan's current bike routes, and will return to the Parks and Recreation Commission January 27, 2007 meeting for further discussion.

POOL COMMISSIONS PRESENTATION: Started with a presentation by Gene Sieve Chair of the Pool Committee. The Pool Committee continues to meet regularly, and has identified grant options. Mr. Sieve stated that some City Council candidates mentioned the need for a pool during Jordan Independent's election interviews. He stated youth do not have much to do in Jordan during the summer, senior citizens would also benefit, and realtors have asked about the timing and placement of the potential pool. The Mdewakanton Sioux have committed \$10,000 for construction cost but not for feasibility studies. Other communities have used Balard King and Associates Ltd. for feasibility studies, which includes a market analysis, forecasted daily use, potential fee structure, and a community survey. The cost would be \$25,000. The current trends of pool recreation have reduced the volume of water and cost of operations. The committee has \$500, donated by Paul Carey, is seeking 501C3 status and would like the City's endorsement.

Chair Beckman would like to see what other communities have done to gain information and asked if the committee has money, has asked the community for donations or a referendum.

Ms. Gutzmer from the pool committee stated that the Committee does not want to go to the community for a referendum but have the City's endorsement.

Beckman considered the \$25,000 high and maybe the committee could match the donations.

Ed Shukle stated that the costs are accurate and refocused the commission on the 501C3 status, City endorsement, and a draft RFP for the feasibility study.

Donna Breeggemann's motion to create a draft RFP for the Parks and Recreation Commission to review at their next meeting, seconded by Jerry Langsweirdt, was unanimously approved.

PARK ACCOUNTS: The parks accounts were reviewed. Park dedication accounts has \$540,413.43 and park equipment improvements account has \$113,778.06.

CONSIDER REVIEWING CIP: The four year plan was reviewed by the commission.

Joe Janish, Senior Planner, asked if items should be moved around.

Donna Breeggemann requested a map of the City's parks at the next meeting and when considering the CIP.

Chair Beckmann asked if the Council would see the plan and if it obligated the commission to projects.

Ed Shukle, City Administrator, stated the plan was a guideline and the Council sees all transactions.

VOLLEYBALL COURT AT LAGOON PARK: A third court would cost approximately \$5,000

Chair Beckmann believed the second court was not set up and neither court had great use. Beckmann instructed staff to inquire whether Heimatfest volleyball tournament was turning people away because they did not have the third court.

Donna Breeggemann's motion to deny the third court unless more information was provided, was unanimously approved.

HOLZER PARK UPDATE: More trees will be planted, sprinkler needs to be replaced and Public Works does not know why the weeds are returning.

Donna Breeggemann inquired about the location of the Rail Road Right of Way.

Chair Beckman hopes to continue the park for youth when additional parks are established. He noted that the park is in good shape but not great.

MILL POND UPDATE: Senior Planner Joe Janish informed members the City Council is changing the design for the pond to include a swimming beach and create an average depth of 6 to 8 feet. The DNR requested construction of a 12 to 16 foot "hole" to help prevent winter fish kill. Staff will continue to provide updates in the future.

REVIEW OF SAWMILL PARK & MNDOT REST STOP: The trail connected to Sawmill Woods runs along Sand Creek; constructing a bridge would connect it to the MNDOT property. Currently the underlying ownership is Mr. Ruppert. The City Attorney is working on the details for naming rights instead of monetary compensation. Expanding the parking and adding a picnic shelter on the MNDOT property was discussed and concluded that bridging the properties will be key in developing infrastructure and magnify the benefits. Staff was directed to determine the possibility of constructing a bridge.

PLANNERS REPORT: Nothing was discussed.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Ken Crane discussed his upcoming wedding on December 16th. No other commissioners had reports.

ADJOURN: Jerry moved to adjourn; Willy Pauly seconded: unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey MacCallum
Planner