# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF JORDAN IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT JANUARY 29, 2019

Present: Chair Donna Breeggemann, Becky Brewster, Nathan Warden, Amanda Schuh Absent: Grant Tilus Also Present: Lucinda Meyers, City Planner, Jon Nelsen , Landscape Architect, Bolton and Menk, Mike Waltman, City Engineer

## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Breeggemann called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

## 2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

Breeggemann requested moving item 5A – Commissioner Interview - Becky Brewster, before 3.0 Election of Officers.

Motion by Brewster, second Warden to adopt the agenda as modified. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

#### 3.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Chair

Motion by Brewster, second Warden to re-elect Donna Breeggemann as the commission Chair. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

B. Vice Chair

Motion by Breeggemann, second by Warden to elect Becky Brewster, contingent upon council reappointment to the commission, as the Vice Chair. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

#### 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 24, 2018

Motion by Brewster, second Warden to approve the minutes as presented. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

#### 5.0 NEW BUSINESS

## A. Commissioner Interview - Becky Brewster

The commission interviewed Brewster to determine her suitability for reelection. Brewster stated that she has lived in the community for nine years and has an understanding of what residents are expecting of their parks and trail system. She stated that while the splash pad has been a huge success, she believes there is still interest in a community pool. The City of Gaylord, which is half the size of Jordan has a great aquatic center, why can't Jordan? Trail development continues to be a priority for Brewster.

Motion by Warden to recommend reappointment of Becky Brewster to another twoyear term on the PRAC, seconded by Schuh. Brewster abstain; vote all ayes. Motion carried.

## B. Grassmann Park Final Plans

Meyers began the presentation with a brief recap for the commission on the status of the project since the PRAC last discussed it. Meyers stated that the final plans have been drafted, per the council's direction, however during the process some questions were raised that staff needed the PRAC's feedback on, including: where to locate signage, fitness stations, grills and picnic stations, whether the parking area should be expanded, types of fitness equipment.

Nelsen presented the final plans and facilitated the discussion. Exercise equipment has been relocated due to information provided from the manufacturer indicating that usage is increased when the equipment is clustered as opposed to dispersed. The plans feature two separate ninja courses, one for ages 5-12 and the other suitable for ages 13+. Vegetative screening has been added along the north side of the parking area. The trail is ADA accessible. Ditch has been removed to provide more usable space; culvert and three storm drains added. Fifteen limestone stairs have also been added to facilitate secondary access to the ninja courses from the parking area. Exercise trail is approximately 4/10ths of a mile. Dashing will indicate every 10<sup>th</sup> of a mile within 20<sup>o</sup>.

Brewster noted the absence of restrooms. Nelsen stated that porta-potties would be an option, and permanent restroom facilities would be a feature of the fully built out park. Breeggemann inquired about reusing the parking lot gravel. Waltman indicated that utility installation would preclude gravel reuse. Breeggemann stated that chainlink fence-posts with a sheet metal roof would suffice for the dugouts. Design must be mindful not to inadvertently accommodate nesting birds, beehives. A gap should not exist between the roof and the fence. Warden requested addition of a dugout cabinet for equipment (e.g. chalk, rakes, bases) storage along the third base line. Brewster raised concern of parking shortage if field is used for t-ball. Nelsen indicated standard is 1 parking space per 10,000 square feet of park space; 50 spaces are provided at 42 would be in accordance with standard equation. Waltman indicated that the city could take a reactive approach, and expand if a shortage is observed. Breeggemann argued that 50 spaces is wishful because when stalls aren't striped, drivers park further from other vehicles than when they are striped. PRAC consensus was to relocate grills to facilitate parking expansion in the future.

Schuh inquired about liability issues. Has Golden Valley experienced issues? Nelsen indicated that liability signs come standard with the equipment and that he has not heard of issues from the manufacturer. Breeggemann requested and PRAC concurred to have the limestone seating be extended along the edge of the 5-12 course. Discussion occurred regarding the desire for a shade structure or planting trees along the west side of the path near the ninja courses. Breeggemann requested recycling containers to accompany trash containers. Signage should be located at point where trail splits. Consensus on preferred alternatives are in this order: dugout roofs (should include storage), ball field underdrain, field irrigation. Preferred fitness equipment is the leg extension, chest press, shoulder rotator, combination fitness hub and balance logs.

## 6.0 OLD BUSINESS

## 7.0 PLANNERS REPORT

## A. Park Updates

Meyers provided an update on the new hockey rink in Lagoon Park, stating that ice has been established since just after Christmas, and hockey games are occurring nearly every night. The project was implemented successfully, on budget, and without any issues. The boards will be removed early spring and the field prepared for summertime usage.

B. Next Meeting- March 25, 2019

## 8.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

Schuh introduced herself, stating she looks forward to contributing to the discussions during her 2019 appointment to the PRAC.

#### 9.0 COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT

Chair Breeggemann stated that she thought the archery stands at the Archery Park were to be removed for winter sledding. Meyers indicated that was her understanding as well. Discussion ensued about the safety concerns inherent with the placement of the stands near the base of the hill. Meyers stated she would inform public works about the issue.

Brewster informed the commission she has been viewing City Council meetings, and at the recent meeting she heard councilmembers discussing commission participation in

the decision-making process. Brewster stated that she does not have a problem with the council making decisions that do not mirror the commission's recommendation.

## 10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Brewster, seconded by Warden. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM

Tanya Velishek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Nikunen City Administrator