

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF JORDAN
IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT
May 20, 2024**

Present: Donna Breeggemann, Becky Brewster, Jeremy Goebel, Grant Tilus, Nathan Warden

Also Present: T.J. Hofer, Consultant Planner

Absent:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Breeggemann at 6:31 p.m.

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

Warden requested that a discussion be added to discuss the City's policy on the use of tobacco and other substances within Parks as item 4.B.

Goebel stated that they had recently discussed vegetative screening in Holzer Park with the Public Works Director and requested the Commission discuss the screening as item 4.C.

Motion by Tilus to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Goebel. All Commissioners voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 16, 2024

Brewster stated that there was an error in the minutes and that they were absent. Hofer stated that the minutes would be amended.

Motion by Brewster to approve the January 16, 2024 Minutes as amended. Seconded by Warden. All Commissioners present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS.

A. Pickleball Court Signs

Hofer presented the staff report and asked the Commission to provide feedback on the provided example of pickleball court rules signs.

Goebel asked about enforcement of the policies. Hofer stated it would be on a complaint basis.

Tilus asked about a pickleball paddle holder reference in the sign. Hofer stated that there are different methods as to how reserving a court works and the sign could be updated to reflect that.

Breuggemann stated that two of the policies seemed to conflict with each other in terms of playing on the courts and who retains the court. Hofer stated they would review the policies with someone more familiar with the sport and get clarification. Tilus stated that generally basketball courts operate on a system of rotating after three wins. Warden stated that may be a preferred. Breuggemann stated their approval for this as well.

Warden stated that the standard for tobacco use should be expanded to tobacco or smoking of any substance would be prohibited.

Hofer asked the Commission if they believed the hours stated on the sign, 6 am to 10 pm, were appropriate. Tilus stated 6 am was early. Breuggemann stated it should be consistent with general park policy.

B. City Policy on Tobacco and Other Substances within City Parks

Warden introduced the discussion and asked if there was any signage in parks related to tobacco use and if what the policy was for tobacco and other substance use. Goebel stated that if there were signs, they likely predate recent changes to use of cannabinoids. Hofer stated that the City does have a Park Rules document available on the City's website. The rules include a prohibition on the consumption of alcohol that is not beer or malt liquor and any glass container and that consumption, sale, use, or possession controlled substances on park premises is prohibited. Hofer stated that tobacco and alcohol were not controlled substances and they were unsure about marijuana. Hofer stated that the City Code was recently amended to stated that marijuana cannot be used in any public place except for a cannabinoid drink. Tilus clarified that some alcohol was allowed in parks.

Warden stated they believe that tobacco free parks would be beneficial for the City. Breuggemann and Tilus stated that designed smoking areas could be a solution. Hofer stated that a designated area could be a solution or that smoking could be restricted around amenities such as playgrounds, sport courts, and beaches. Warden asked that staff research what other communities were doing and stated their concern was largely around smoking and vaping.

C. Vegetative Screening in Holzer Park

Breuggemann asked Goebel to clarify what they had in mind in terms of screening. Goebel stated that they believe additional screening was needed for the sewer plant. Hofer asked what height would be required for adequate screening. Breuggemann stated that they believe that something like an upright juniper or arborvitae may provide adequate screening. Goebel stated that they did not believe a wall of vegetative screening was required, but they did not want tiny saplings to be planted. Hofer stated they would discuss the issue with the Public Work Director and that there may be issues with underground utilities. Hofer stated that price may also be factor as vegetative screening can be costly to install so that it is immediately effective.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

Breeggemann asked Hofer to ensure that the Commissioner application was on the website and to share it with interested parties.

6.0 PLANNERS REPORT

A. Planning Staff Update

Hofer stated that the Pauly Park groundbreaking would be held on May 28, 2024, at 5:30 pm. Hofer stated that it was expected that the equipment for the park would be acquired in June and July and that the goal was for the park to be completed in the fall of 2024. Warden stated that Grassman Park has a ribbon cutting ceremony. Warden asked if there would be celebration for the park when it was finished.

Hofer stated that the kiosks that the Commission approved would be installed in the parks soon. Breeggemann asked for the information in the kiosks to be sent out to the Commission. Warden mentioned that some of the kiosks existing in the City could use updated materials due to wear and tear.

B. Next Meeting – July 15, 2024

7.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

Goebel provided an updated regarding the 169 Interchange project. Goebel provided an updated on land west of the City that was recently annexed in for the relocation of the Minnesota's Largest Candy Store. Goebel provided an update regarding the acquisition of the Xcel Building and plans for the site. Goebel provided an update on the new parking lot southeast of the intersection of Broadway and Water Street. Goebel provided an updated on the acquisition and demolition of part of the Hamburger Home.

8.0 COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT

Brewster stated they had no update.

Tilus stated they had no update.

Warden asked when Mill Pond would be treated this year. Hofer stated they would inquire with the Public Works Director.

Breeggemann stated they had no update.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brewster to adjourn. Seconded by Warden. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.