

**City of Jordan
Park & Recreation Commission Minutes
April 24, 2006**

Members present: Commission Chair Ron Beckman, Commission Vice-Chair Jerry Langsweirdt, Commissioners Tania Branitski, Donna Breegeman, Ken Crane, Willy Pauly and Chris Schwingler, Council Liaison Ron Jabs.

Members absent: None.

Staff Present: City Planners Joe Janish and Chelsea Alger, Officer Ryan Konkin.

Others Present: Jeremy Kretsch, Mason Schneider, Xander Dion, David Dion, Jay Picha, Danny Picha, Dustin Burneister, Dane Moe, Patrick Churchill, Jake Stang, Teresa Wark, Pat Clark.

1. Call to Order:

Commission Chair Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes: March 27, 2006

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

Motion: JL/RJ ; to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2006 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Skateboard Park

Janish gave a brief background in regards to the process Staff and the Commission had gone through in the past with the Skate Park. He stated there was approximately \$35,000-40,000 budgeted for the park and the location had been determined in the parking lot of the Mini-Met. A number of students were present to provide comment on the proposal.

Zander Dion stated that the True-Ride product was probably the best he had ever skated on. He felt concrete was not desirable and the wood products generally chip easily and are not as weather resistant.

Jeremy Kretsch stated that the Shakopee Park was the best park to ride. (They have True Ride product). He also stated that wood gets wet and warps when it is outside and that it chips easily.

Teresa Wark stated that kids will go to the park that has the best equipment, regardless if they have to travel or not. If the City wants to build it, build it right or not at all.

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A lengthy discussion followed between the Commission members and the students, where they were giving the Commission ideas about what type of equipment would be best.

The Commission directed staff to set up interviews with the different manufacturers as soon as possible. As many Commissioners as possible would attend.

Pat Churchill addressed the Commission about a BMX trail. He stated that there is a lot of interest in the community but nowhere to go. He thought an area out by Holzer Park would be best. The Commission directed Staff to further research BMX parks.

4. Satellite Restrooms in Neighborhood Parks

Alger stated that there had been a couple of requests for restrooms in Bridle Creek Park and Timberline Park. She stated that the most cost effective option would be satellite restrooms with some type of permanent enclosure to deter vandalism and create a buffer.

The Commission discussed the idea. They felt that the request, if granted, may result in more complaints than anything. Alger stated that neighborhood parks do not generally have restrooms, but if the Commission would like more information Staff would bring that back at a future meeting.

Motion: JL/TB; to direct Staff to research the full cost of portable restrooms plus enclosures as information for the May 22, 2006 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Other Business

A) Old Business

The Commission requested further information on the differences between neighborhood and community parks.

Mayor Jabs indicated he would like to see some information regarding a Memorial Policy for the City. Staff will present information at the May 22nd meeting.

6. Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Alger
City Planner