

**City of Jordan
Park and Recreation Commission
January 27, 2003 Minutes**

Members present: Ron Beckman- Chair, Jerry Langsweirdt- Vice-Chair, Ron Jabs, Donna Breeggemann, Willy Pauly, Kathy Lindmeyer, Chris Schwingler

Members absent: Ken Crane, and George Brandtner

Staff present: Joe Janish- City Planner, Dave Bendzick- Public Works Director

I. *Call to Order-*

Chair Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. *Approval of Past Minutes-*

Member Langsweirdt made a Motion; Pauly second, to approve the minutes of the Meeting on November 25, 2002. Motion approved unanimously.

III. *Commission Organization-*

Planner Janish informed members City Code requires the Park and Recreation Commission to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair position annually.

Member Langsweirdt nominated made a Motion; Pauly second, to appoint Member Beckman as Chair. Motion approved unanimously.

Member Breeggemann made a Motion; Schwingler second, to appoint Member Langsweirdt as Vice-Chair. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. *Timberline Park Land-*

Planner Janish informed commission members, Timberline Home Owners Association members were present at our last meeting to discuss issues related to Timberline's Park Land. After the meeting on November 25, Timberline Homeowner Association provided City Staff with a list of five concerns related to the Timberline Park Land.

Planner Janish informed members Public Works Director Bendzick and he visited the Timberline Parkland and took pictures of the "buffer" area around the development. Mr. Bendzick stated the "buffer" parkland did contain some debris and it could be possible to work out an agreement with the City and the Association to host a neighborhood clean up to remove the debris or the City could use a sentence-to-serve crew.

Chair Beckman addressed the flyer with the Timberline Homeowners Association concerns.

Chair Beckman questioned the regular maintenance of the central parkland. PW Director Bendzick informed members the central park was seeded last fall and would be sprayed for weed control this year. The park is also cut at least once a week.

Chair Beckman questioned the efforts the city could take to revitalize the central parkland, as well as giving homeowners or the Association the ability to clear and prune branches from the perimeter parkland. PW Director Bendzick informed members the soil conditions within Timberline are sandy and it is difficult to maintain a greener/plush grass. Mr. Bendzick commented it may be possible for the Association to install underground sprinklers, but currently no other parks within city limits have sprinklers. The issue of sprinkling the park would also raise issues as to who would pay for the water used and who would maintain the sprinklers. If more trees were added to the central park it may be easier for the grass to maintain a plusher appearance. Mr. Bendzick informed members the League of Minnesota Cities does not recommend allowing residents to cut or trim trees on city property, because of liability reasons.

Member Breeggemann commented it is difficult for many homeowners within Timberline to maintain a greener grass without the use some type of sprinkling system since the soil is so sandy. Member Jabs suggested it might be possible to look into adding a mix of grass seed that would maintain the greener appearance.

Chair Beckman questioned the timeline for constructing a trail within the perimeter of the parkland. Members and staff agreed no immediate timeline has been agreed upon and not entirely sure of the future plans for a trail.

Planner Janish questioned the ability of the Timberline Homeowners Association installing an information board in the park to promote Timberline/Jordan community activities. Member Breeggemann commented it might be possible to include an area for an information board to all City Park signs.

Planner Janish informed members the Timberline Association has concerns with buffering requirements for the Industrial property. Staff was directed to include information regarding the buffer requirements for the industrial area for the workshop.

After some discussion Park and Recreation Commission Members felt it would be possible to work with the Timberline Homeowners Association to resolve the issues without exchanging ownership of the parkland. Member Breeggemann made a Motion; Langsweirdt second, to invite Timberline Homeowners Association to the next meeting with a workshop type setting, without discussing or supporting the exchange of parkland ownership.

V. *Miscellaneous-*

PW Director Bendzick informed members the new garage facilities are going well. Staff hopes to have the concrete floor poured within the next week or two.

Mr. Bendzick informed members the old Community Center has asbestos and will require around \$6,000 dollars to remove the contaminate materials. City Council will vote next week to determine how to pay for the removal.

Mr. Bendzick questioned the Park Commission if staff should light the hockey rink during the summer when it usually is dark at 10:00 p.m. and the parks close at 10:00 p.m. Staff was directed not to light the hockey rink.

VI. *Adjournment-*

Member Langsweirdt made a Motion, Pauly second, to adjourn meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Janish
City Planner