



**City of Jordan
Park and Recreation Commission
October 22, 2012**

Members Present: Chair Donna Breeggemann, Council Liaison Thom Boncher, Lance Schmitt, Margaret Knutson, Tim Bischke, and Nancy Murray.

Staff Present: Senior Planner Corrin Wendell, Planning Intern Emily Bodeker, and Joanne Foust, Consulting Planner.

Others Present: John Stahler, Gary Schettl, Carole Cole, Geroge Colling, and Pete Ewals.

1.0 Call to Order.

Chair Breeggemann called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:07 p.m.

2.0 Adopt Agenda.

Agenda was approved as presented. With all in favor the motion passed 6-0.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A. September 24th, 2012

Motion Boncher seconded by Schmitt, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

4.0 Presentations/Discussions

There were no presentations/discussions.

5.0 Old Business

A. Bluff Trail Cost Estimate

Wendell requested input from the Park and Recreation Commission on whether or not they would like to request Bolton and Menk study the bluff trail to see if it has structural impracticability. A letter from City Attorney, Annette Margarit was also included in the packet for the meeting, discussing the ADA requirements for the trail. Wendell also had emails from residents both in favor and in opposition.

John Stahler, 197 Maple Lane , Stated that the proposed trail would affect his land the most. In 2011 alternatives were discussed, one of the alternatives being discuss a trail with the developer of the Bluffs. Stahler also said that he believed the City was going to discuss the location with Dick Ames, and reroute the trail to the south, and make it accessible to where the homes in the area are. He stated that when this route was being used as a trail the area was dark and heavily wooded, which invites troubles. Stahler also has concerns with the safety of the trail, especially with snowmobile traffic, and he stated it was why the road was closed in the '90's. He was disappointed to hear that residents were not notified this was being discussed. Stahler opposed to the trail.

Carole Cole, 208 Maple Lane, Cole stated that she was disappointed that residents were not notified the trail was being discussed. When Maple Lane was being used as a pathway there were safety concerns and concerns with many children in the area gathering and fighting in that area. She stated that Maple Lane it is too steep to make handicap accessible.

Chairperson Breeggemann stated that the PRC is at a point of researching options, nothing is firm to present to residents and that is why residents were not notified yet.

John Stahler, 197 Maple Lane, Wanted to know why other options were not being looked at and the Maple Lane option was the only option being considered.

Pete Ewals, 108 Hillside Dr., Stated that in regards with hooking up to Sawmill Woods, Staff talked to Ames, and is not an option. He stated that Water Street was not an option. Ewals stated that both the PRC and the Planning Commission gather information and once the correct information is gathered, residents are notified.

Carole Cole, 208 Maple Lane, asked why the option that Bolton and Menk prepared that went down TH 282 wasn't being considered.

The Commission answered, that option needs MnDOT approval, which the City doesn't have and struggled to try to get, as well as the cost of that option.

George Colling, 199 Maple Lane, asked what is exactly the plan for the bluff trail.

Breeggemann answered by saying that the PRC was still in the very early stages of looking at this trail. They were just asking staff to answer some questions and bring the answers back to the PRC, no decisions have been made.

Commissioner Boncher stated that in his opinion if the PRC decides to propose Bolton and Menk conducts another study, that Council will not support it.

Gary Schettl, 116 Arabian Ct., expressed that he is trying to keep this trail idea alive and he requested for the item to be included on the PRC agenda. He believes 90 homes could utilize this trail that is less than 3 blocks in length. He has a trail that goes past his home, and in the past nine years hasn't had any issues. He also stated that in the past there have been residents present at these meetings that have been supportive of this trail plan.

Questions about right of way came up and land ownership. Wendell showed a 1996 survey that showed a 20' wide public utility easement and trail.

Carole Cole, 208 Maple Lane, shared her concerns with the lack of park in the Bluffs neighborhood. She stated that there is no park in the area so she is concerned that if a trail is installed in that area that the children in the neighborhood will hang out there, which in the past, has caused problems.

After brief discussion with what the next step was in gathering information for the trail, the PRC requested staff get quotes for clearing the trail and what the cost of gathering the information needed for ADA compliance for this trail option.

6.0 New Business

A. PRC Member Terms

Wendell introduced this agenda item and explained that in December 2012 3 PRC members terms will expire, Murray, Schmitt, and a vacancy. Staff suggests that the openings should be advertised in the paper, on the public access channel, as well as on the website and applications should be due November 19th and interviews take place at the PRC meeting November 26th. Then the PRC can make their recommendations to City Council in December.

The Parks and Recreation Commissioners agreed with the information and advised staff to go ahead with the timeline presented.

7.0 Planners Report

A. Park Equipment and Park Land Dedication Account Information

Wendell presented park equipment and improvement and parkland dedication fund balances.

B. Next Meeting- November 26th

C. Jordan Planning Facebook Page

Staff informed the PRC that the Jordan Planning Department now has a facebook page so “Like” their page.

8.0 City Council Member Update.

Council Representative Boncher stated that the Rice Street Bridge is moving along. At the previous Council meeting there were a few garbage bill complaints, and the Girl Scouts Cleaned up some leaves in Lagoon Park and had a question about a pile of leaves that was already in the Park.

Boncher also presented pictures and some recycled tire mulch from Hiawatha Park in Minneapolis. He stated that there was not a wheel chair swing in the park and there are also accessibility issues in that park. He also wanted to discuss wheel chair crossings at Varner St and HWY 282.

Boncher and the Commissioners suggested staff research and ask MnDOT about the process of how to get a pedestrian crossing.

9.0 Commissioner Report.

Knutson asked staff how to request maintenance at Jennifer Lane Park to do some crack filling while Public Works is in the area.

Staff let her know that they could mention something at the Staff meeting.

Breeggemann stated that staff should bring studies to the PRC with a guestimate of pricing. Even if it is a range so they have some idea of price.

9.0 Adjournment.

It was moved by Knutson, seconded by Bischke, to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Bodeker