

**City of Jordan
Park & Recreation Commission
June 24, 2002 Minutes**

Members present: Jerry Langsweirdt- Vice-Chair, Ken Crane, Chris Schwingler, Ron Jabs, Willy Pauly, Kathy Lindmeyer

Staff present: Troy Bonkowske- Economic Development/Planning Director, Joe Janish- City Planner

I. *Call to Order-*

Vice-Chair Langsweirdt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. *Approval of Past Minutes-*

Member Crane made a Motion; Schwingler second, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2002, meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

III. *Park Land Dedication Survey-*

City Planner Janish informed the Commission current park land dedication is now empty with regrading the Mini-met, and constructing a new hockey rink. Council expressed interest in how other cities receive money for park land dedication, and directed staff to research this information.

Planner Janish informed the board of the two options that have been discussed in the past. Which included increasing the amount of park land dedication funds required from developers or add a .25% park equipment fee onto building permits similar to New Prague. New Prague's current policy requires 10% land or cash value from developers, which is used to acquire land. The .25% fee from new residential building permits is designated to purchase new park equipment. If this option is recommended, Jordan should designate the .25% or .5% fee towards park equipment in order to avoid legal issues at a later date.

The major advantage of adding a .5% park equipment fee would generate revenues for the park equipment fund on every permit. The park equipment would have received over \$48,000.00 this year if such a policy were in place today.

Member Schwingler suggested that the .5% park equipment fee should also be able to be used for planting trees and natural vegetation. The Park Board favored this and wanted the .5% fee fund to be named "park equipment or improvements fund".

Director Bonkowske informed the Board that some members of the City Council may be opposed to a park equipment/improvement fee added to all permits, and it may be more favorable to add the fee onto only new home/commercial/industrial building permits.

Vice-Chair Langsweirdt commented that it would be cleaner and easier to add the fee onto all permits instead of certain permits.

Member Crane made a Motion, Lindmeyer second, to recommend to the Development Committee and City Council the addition of a .5% fee to be added to all building permits for the designation of park equipment/improvements. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. *Fundraising- Skate Park-*

Planner Janish informed the Board Chard has started to regrade the Mini-Met area and is expected to finish in a few weeks. Public Works Director Bendzick will begin to purchase the supplies needed for the construction of the hockey rink within the next few days.

Planner Janish further informed the board that the regrading and construction of the hockey rink will exhaust the park land dedication funds. To date, no new developments are slated requiring park land dedication monies, except \$12,384 for Wexford Square 3rd Addition. This means the Park Board will need some alternative funds in order to construct a skate park. Some of the possible funding sources could be: approach students for fundraising; approach several of the community groups for donations such as Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Commercial Club, etc; wait until park land dedication funds are capable of funding the skate park; or adding an additional .5% park equipment fee to new residential building permits.

Member Lindmeyer expressed concern with students trying to raise money for the skate park and suggested the possibility of working with local religious groups in order to raise money for the skate park.

V. *Adjournment-*

Member Pauly made a Motion, Jabs second, to adjourn meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Janish
City Planner