



**CITY OF JORDAN
MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

MONDAY, May 29, 2007

**JORDAN GOVERNMENT CENTER
210 E. 1st St.
Jordan, MN 55352
Council Chambers**

Ron Beckman, Chair
Jerry Langsweirdt,
Vice Chair
Tania Branitski
Donna Breeggemann
Tim Bischke
Chris Schwingler
Willy Pauly

Ron Jabs, Mayor and
Council
representative

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Vice-chair Jerry Langsweirdt.

Commissioners attending the meeting were Vice-chair Jerry Langsweirdt, Mayor Ron Jabs, Tania Branitski, Donna Breeggemann, Willy Pauly, and Chris Schwingler.

Staff in attendance was Planning Consultant Joanne Foust from Municipal Development Group, Senior Planner Joe Janish and Planner Casey MacCallum.

Also in attendance were Kati Altenburg, Dennis Cornelius a Partner of AMCON, and Planning Commission Members Chair Ralph Hafslund and Jon Watkins.

ADOPT AGENDA: *Motion by Willy Pauly, seconded Chris Schwingler, to accept the agenda with an additional item on the Planners Report and switching items 6B and 6C. Motion unanimously approved.*

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *Motion by Chris Schwingler, seconded by Willy Pauly, to accept the April 23, 2007 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously approved.*

PRESENTATIONS: Joanne Foust from Municipal Development Group presented the draft for chapter 8 "Parks and Trails" required for the 2008 update.

This Chapter Included:

- Park Classifications
- Inventory of Existing Park Facilities
- Trail and Pedestrian Ways
- Recreational Opportunities in the City
- Current and Future Park Facility Needs
- Community Input
- Park and Recreation Objectives and Recommendations

OLD BUSINESS: there were no items of old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There were four items of new business. During the meeting item C was moved before item B.

- A. KAMI Development.** KAMI, Inc has submitted a sketch plan for the property located North of Highway 169 and adjacent to County Road 9. A sketch plan is one of the first steps in developing property within the City of Jordan and serves as a basis for discussion between the applicant and the city. It is also intended to provide the

applicant with an advisory review without incurring major costs prior to submission of a plat for the proposed subdivision.

Trails and sidewalks would be required on respective sides of County Road 9 and 190th St. The Commission expressed interest in obtaining cash instead of parkland.

This item was informational only.

- B. Memorial to Ken Crane.** During the last Parks and Recreation Meeting Commissioners discussed planting a tree in memory of Ken Crane, who was a recent Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Staff attached a map of Lagoon Park and the Mill Pond for Commissioner review.

Commissioners discussed planting a special tree: green ash, tamarack, or maple; and placing it directly across from Mr. Crane's house on Park Drive.

There was no motion for this item.

- C. Portable Restrooms at Bridle Creek Park.** Staff has received a request from residents at Bridle Creek to place portable restrooms at Bridle Creek Park. Precedents from the Commission denying a similar request for portable bathrooms in parks at the Timberline development suggest that neighborhood parks should not have bathrooms. Though the park in Bridle Creek is almost 4 acres and the Development has low connectivity.

Katie Altenburg, who proposed the bathrooms, presented to the Commission several reasons for the bathrooms, including the large number of children using the park, the draw area of the park and the amount of time it takes to walk home, and the relative inexpensive maintenance contract.

Motion by Chris Schwingler, second by Willy Pauly, to temporarily provide portable bathrooms with the possibility of extensions, at Bridle Creek Park; with the best placement recommended by the instillation company's and Dave Bendzick's recommendation.

- D. Park Regulations.** In reviewing the City Code the City Council requested the Parks and Recreation Commission make a recommendation to develop supplemental regulations for treatment and use of City Parks. Staff provided Eagan's Code regulating park and recreation areas.

Motion by Donna Breeggemann, second by Chris Schwingler to recommend the City Council approve the Eagan Park Regulation after determining consistencies with current times and standards.

PLANNER'S REPORT: There were two items on the Planner's Report.

- A. Accounts.** As of the end of March 2007 the Park Dedication account has \$540,897.43 and the Park Equipment Improvement account has \$121,592.44. Commissioners requested more details for the next meeting.

B. Holzer Park Update. The sprinkler system will be installed this week, the aggregate lime was delivered and more will be needed next year, seeding will begin after the sprinkler system is installed, and the bleachers are at the Public Works shop.

This item was informational only.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Four Commissioners spoke.

Donna Breeggemann requested an update of Holzer Park and suggested the Commission research an adopt-a-park program.

Ron Jabs updated the Commission on the changes to the Mill Pond dredging. The rip-rap will not be placed above the waterline then natural vegetation to discourage geese will continue to the shoreline. Concrete docks with limestone surfacing will be used instead of a wood fishing dock next to the fishing area.

Chris Schwingler suggested several maintenance concerns regarding the ball field and Pekarna Park. And,

Jerry Langsweirdt announced the invitation to the Public meeting on June 5th for the Outdoor Aquatic Community Center Feasibility Study.

ADJOURN: *Motion by Willy Pauly, seconded by Chris Schwingler, to adjourn at 10:21pm. Motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Casey MacCallum
Planner