



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

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 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 7:03 by Chris Schwingler.

Commissioners attending the meeting were Tim Bischke, Tania Branitski, Donna Breeggemann, Willy Pauly, and Chris Schwingler.

Staff in attendance Senior Planner Joe Janish.

Also in attendance: Council Member Hanson and Jessica Nikunen.

ADOPT AGENDA: *Motion by Willy Pauly, seconded Tim Bischke, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously approved.*

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *Motion by Willy Pauly, seconded by Tania Branitski, to accept the May 29, 2007 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously approved.*

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING: *Motion by Willy Pauly, seconded by Tim Bischke, to accept the May 14, 2007 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously approved.*

PRESENTATIONS: Jordan City Council Member David Hanson was present to discuss some park related items mentioned at a City Council Meeting.

Councilor Hanson discussed the possibility of upgrading Lagoon Park's play equipment. Mr. Hanson mentioned he had been at the new Huber Park in Shakopee and found that the City was able to find donations to cover the \$400,000 equipment. Mr. Hanson suggested it may be possible for the City of Jordan to obtain donations to cover a smaller version of the play equipment.

Councilor Hanson also discussed the possibility of updating or repainting the Lagoon bathrooms. Mr. Hanson suggested a mural or even a stripe on the building. It was also suggested it may be possible to have a design contest with the winning design being painted on the building.

Council Member Hanson also noted he would be supportive of a dock in the Mill Pond that would allow for fishing and recreation purposes.

Mr. Hanson expressed an interest in having the Parks and Recreation Commission consider creating Markers of Historical Interest. These markers would be able to identify and provide information about sites and buildings in the City of Jordan. Mr. Hanson suggested using

bricks from local historic buildings as they are demolished. The markers could be plaques describing the history and/or photos of the buildings and sites.

Mr. Hanson also suggested the plaques and markers would add to the future trails the Park and Recreation Commission have discussed so far.

Senior Planner Janish noted he has talked to the Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce in the past about having a walking tour of Jordan and having plaques identifying the history of buildings within the downtown and along future trails in Jordan.

The Parks and Recreation Commission expressed interest in working on the items Mr. Hanson suggested. Staff was directed to begin to research some of the items and report back at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Memorial for Ken Crane.** Senior Planner Janish noted the Park and Recreation Commission has discussed planting a tree in remembrance of Commissioner Crane in front of his home located on Park Drive. Staff had internal discussions of the location and is recommending planting the tree after the bids for the dredging of the Mill Pond have been awarded. Mr. Janish informed members the purpose in waiting was to determine exactly how the contractor will have trucks and equipment move through the area. Staff also expressed concerns of trying to plant a tree in the summer months when it may be more beneficial to plant it in the fall or spring.

Motion by Donna Breeggemann, second by Willy Pauly, to wait until July or August meeting to determine a location for the Memorial tree for Ken Crane. Motion unanimously approved.

- B. 282 Trail.** Senior Planner Janish indicated the Park and Recreation Commission had expressed interest in constructing a trail on the east side of Highway 282. Staff provided a sketch of a trail that would be located on the east side of Highway 282 between Creek Lane and Triangle Lane. This trail could be constructed by using the fill from Highway 282 reconstruction. Staff also noted as part of the 282 reconstruct project the missing segment of sidewalk from Mertens Street to the 282 bridge. The total cost for the trail segment is estimated at \$44,014. Senior Planner Janish informed the Park and Recreation Commission Members the project could be funded from the Park Land Dedication Account.

Jordan Resident, Jessica Nikunen, 208 3rd Street West, spoke in favor of constructing the trail. Mrs. Nikunen noted that she currently sees people walking in the proposed trail location on their way to work in the triangle lane area and also walks in this area for recreation purposes.

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed if this trail segment is constructed with the missing sidewalk segment it would create a trail and sidewalk connection to the north side of Highway 169.

Motion by Tim Bischke, second by Donna Breeggemann, to approve the construction of the 282 trail segment from Creek Lane to Triangle Lane and using the Parkland Dedication funds to pay for the trails based upon the estimate of \$44,014. Motion unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no items of new business.

PLANNER'S REPORT: There was one item on the Planner's Report.

- A. Accounts.** As of the end of April 2007 the Parkland Dedication account had \$557,050.31 and the Park Equipment Improvement account has \$98,227.36.

Senior Planner Janish noted the Parks and Recreation Commission requested information about the interest the Parks accounts receives. Finance Director Tom Nikunen attached a memo outlining the interest rates over the past few years along with the investment strategy approved by the City Council and State Statutes.

This item was informational only.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Chris Schwinger asked if the new trails will be maintained during the winter. Senior Planner Janish noted the Public Works Department has purchased a toolcat to maintain the trails and maintenance is more difficult if snowmobiles drive over the trails before Public Works plows the trails.

Tania Branitski questioned when the satellite bathroom would be installed in Bridle Creek Park. Mr. Janish noted staff is in the process of working with the company and needs to determine a location for the restroom.

Member Branitski also asked what the process would be to have a crosswalk painted at the intersection of Hillside Drive and Stuart due to the confusion of where to cross. Mr. Janish stated the City of Jordan has a safety committee of staff members and a City Council member that reviews requests such as this and makes recommendations to the Jordan City Council. This item will be mentioned at the next safety committee meeting.

Member Branitski also questioned if it was possible for the City of Jordan to plant some trees along the high school and elementary school property next to the benches. Senior Planner Janish noted that the sidewalks should be one (1) foot from the property line and the City of Jordan would not be able to plant the trees on school property.

Donna Breeggemann questioned when the southwest sewer interceptor would be constructed because she had received a phone call from the Sports Turf Association asking if the City of Jordan was interested in applying for some assistance. Member Breeggemann stated it sounded as though the Sports Turf Association may not have received any applications for assistance.

Senior Planner Janish informed Member Breeggemann a feasibility study will need to be conducted for the KAMI project and the Utility Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan would also need to be completed to determine the size of the utilities prior to installation.

Tim Bischke asked what the time schedule was for the Mill Pond dredging. Senior Planner Janish noted the bids are expected to be opened on July 12th and awarded July 16th. Mr. Janish commented he believed the project would take approximately 2 to 3 months to complete once the contractor started work.

ADJOURN: *Motion by Willy Pauly, seconded by Tim Bischke, to adjourn at 8:05p.m. Motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Janish
Senior Planner