



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

**MONDAY, JULY 23, 2007**

**JORDAN GOVERNMENT CENTER  
210 E. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7:01 by Chair Ron Beckman.

Commissioners attending the meeting were Mayor Ron Jabs, Chair Ron Beckman, Tim Bischke, Tania Branitski, Donna Breeggemann, Jerry Langsweirdt, Willy Pauly, and Chris Schwingler.

Staff in attendance Planner Casey MacCallum.

Also in attendance: John Breimhorst.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** *Motion by Willy Pauly, seconded by Tania Branitski, to accept the June 25, 2007 regular meeting minutes with some spelling corrections. Motion unanimously approved.*

**PRESENTATIONS:** There were no presentations.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There were no items of new business.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Mini Met Improvements.** Staff received a request to improve the Mini Met's scoreboard through Park and Recreation Commissioner Pauly. Public Works Director Dave Bendzick believes this would cost \$2,490.00 plus shipping (20 sheets of 4 by 8 High Milecular Poly sheets at \$124.50 per sheet). If the Park and Recreation Commission supports this request funds would come from the Park Equipment Improvement Fund (PEI).

John Breimhorst provided two calculations: one for improving the Mini Met scoreboard (\$2,781.80) and the other for improving the grand stands (\$925.00). The total would be over \$3,700.00. Mr. Breimhorst also noted that water has rotted out some of the bottom rows of seats, the score board is the worst it has been in several years, and (when Ron Jabs asked what the next major renovation project would be) the concession area should be replaced. He stated that minor improvements will keep the cost down by not requiring major reconstruction or replacement. He also noted that the State High School Tournament played games at the Mini Met, and the Brewer's have set aside money within their budget to make improvements as well.

A lot of people volunteer time and equipment for minor maintenance.

The Commission requested a summary sheet of past and future maintenance and larger renovation projects to accompany the recommendation.

*Motion Donna Breeggemann, second by Jerry Langsweirdt, to recommend the City Council provide \$4,000 for renovating the Mini Met's scoreboard and grand stand with a summary of the recent maintenance items and future renovation needs. Motion unanimously approved.*

- B. Hockey Rink Request for Bridle Creek Park.** Chad Vonbank, resident of Bridle Creek, requested the Parks and Recreation Commission construct a hockey rink in the Bridle Creek Park. Public Works Director Dave Bendzick's estimates for constructed the rink would cost from \$70,000 to 145,000. Bridle Creek Park is considered a neighborhood park to service 1/4 mile.

The Parks and Recreation Commission had discussed covering the existing hockey rink. Dave believes this can be done for approximately \$100,000.00. This improvement would come from the PEI account. If the Commission desires to continue Staff will propose more detailed figures and site design for the August meeting.

The hockey rink would also require several parking spaces, a warming house, fire hydrant and water service line, along with lights. The parking spaces will increase the parks use year round. The warming house at the current rink has had several problems and the fire hydrant will be a large construction project. During the winter the snow will reflect the lights into the nearby homes and most likely generate complaints.

*The Parks and Recreation Commission decided not to make any recommendation.*

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

- A. Accounts.** As of the end of June 2007 the Parkland Dedication account had \$557,050.31 and the Park Equipment Improvement account has \$102,371.27.
- B. Parks Survey.** Planner Casey MacCallum provided the Commission with survey assignments and survey work sheets to guide the Parks and Trails Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.
- C. Future trails.** Planner Casey MacCallum provided the Commission information on the construction of the trail along Highway 282 and the Aberdeen Trail.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

**Commissioner Pauly** requested information on the Mill Pond's construction and the design of the beach. Mayor Ron Jabs informed the Commission that the bid was awarded, at a discount for the winter timeline. Members discussed information about the design and possibility for docks and diving boards.

**Commissioner Langsweirdt** commented on the trees at Lions Park.

**Commissioner Bischke** requested an update on the Outdoor Aquatic Community Center. Planner MacCallum provided a brief update.

**The Commission** discussed the Skate Park and the recent spray painting. They discussed a willingness to close it or whether the Commission should add another feature, and requested information and the opinion from Police Chief Malz.

ADJOURN: *Motion by Tania Branitski , seconded by Willy Pauly, to adjourn at 8:22p.m. Motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Casey MacCallum  
Planner