



CITY OF JORDAN
MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008

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

Jerry Langsweirdt,
Chair
Donna Breeggemann,
Vice Chair
Tim Bischke
Tania Branitski
Willy Pauly
Margaret Knutson

Ron Jabs, Mayor and
Council
representative

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

Commissioners attending the meeting were Chair Jerry Langsweirdt, Vice-Chair Donna Breeggemann, Tim Bischke, Tania Branitski, Margaret Knutson and Willy Pauly; and Council Representative Mayor Ron Jabs.

Staff in attendance: Senior Planner Joe Janish and Planner Casey MacCallum.

Also in attendance: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *Motion by Willy Pauly, seconded by Margaret Knutson, to accept the March 24, 2008 and April 28, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented; and recognize the notes from May 27, 2008. Motion unanimously approved.*

PRESENTATIONS: There were no presentations.

A. City Council Member David Hanson. The Commission discussed several items that David Hanson brought to the Commission on May 27.

1. Disk Golf: the Commissioners discussed the details of a disk golf course. Concerns were raised about the amount of space in Lagoon Park for a safe disk course. The Commissioners requested more information including a preliminary estimate, feasibility, requirements and potential comprehensive planning for future course.
2. Hanson's letter discussed using a color scheme for the parks, specifically the maroon, tan and dark green Jordan Colors. The Commission agreed, but preferred the dark green for signs because of the rustic look.
3. Entrance Signs: The Commission discussed placing a sign on the south end of Lagoon Park similar to the one on the North end. The Commission also discussed placing/engraving the City's logo on to all Park signs. The Commission decided to continue using wood for the signs.
4. Lagoon Playground: The Commission discussed adding curbing and fencing to the playground. They felt the majority of the area should not be fenced but redesigning the playground with a younger toddler to 4 year old fenced in area would meet the concern without fencing off the entire playground.
5. Swings: The Commission discussed the details of placing larger swings in Lagoon Park. They felt the larger swings would need more area and could impact insurance. They felt that if the playground was refurbished or redesigned there may be a potential place for some swings.
6. Swim area Buoys: The Commission discussed during agenda item 6A.

7. Foot washing area: the Commission requested preliminary cost and feasibility.
8. The Commission addressed the Park info signs during agenda item 6B.

OLD BUSINESS: there was 1 item of old business.

A. Josh Anderson Bench Memorial. Betty Huebner and Mary Laplant presented their request for a bench memorial to Josh Anderson. The Commissioners that were present preferred placing the bench by the Cannon over looking Lagoon Park. Betty and Mary did not present a placement and agreed with the location at the cannon. Staff has not heard back about whether the Jordan social groups have decided to purchase the bench. The cost would be close to \$1,250, and it is the City's policy not to provide financial assistance in memorials. This placement decision should have a sunset of 1 year, and therefore if the bench is purchased after June 1, 2009 the placement would have to be discussed again.

Motion Ron Jabs, second Donna Breeggemann, to locate the Josh Anderson Bench Memorial 100' south east of the cannon area along the Mill Pond, and include a sunset clause to June 1, 2009. Motion unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: There was 1 item of new business.

A. Mill Pond Beach. As presented Planner MacCallum: During the May 27th meeting of Parks and Recreation meeting, Commissioners discussed the placement of buoys and the City's liability. As was presented in the City Attorney's memo the buoys would not increase the City's liability or decrease it. The buoys must be an industry standard and we should erect a sign stating the purpose of the buoys, depth at the buoys and not to hang on the buoys.

Sign, staff is recommending the following sign. "Mill Pond Swimming Beach. The Depth at the Buoys is 6'. No hanging on the buoys. No pets in the swimming area or sand beach. No fishing or boating in the swimming area"

The cost estimate from Lincoln Commercial Pool Equipment was provided. Their price for two large signaling "swim area" buoys, 10' of rope, and 5 Handi Lock Floats (3"x5") is \$570. This is based on only 10' of buoy/rope system and 2 large marker buoys. The City will probably need more than 10' of buoy markers and rope. The cost would probably be double or triple the estimate.

The schematics of the Mill Pond Beach and the entire Mill Pond were provided, for review. The Commission should decide if it wants to place buoys in the Mill Pond delineating the swimming area. If the Commission wants to implement the buoys, staff will provide a full recommendation during the next meeting for the Commission to forward to the City Council.

Commission Discussion: The Commissioners discussed the location of the buoys, signage, liability, access for water crafts, defining the communication, and the costs.

Motion Willy Pauly, second Tim Bischke, to approve the signage with the insurance representatives. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion Donna Breeggemann, second Margaret Knutson, to install one continuous line of buoys with the insurance representative's suggestions for specific placement.

B. LJM Property. As presented by Joe Janish. Al Weierke, LJM Properties, has contacted the city regarding an interest in selling property under LJM ownership. Mr. Weierke has had discussions with the city in the past about selling this property to the city for parkland purposes. Mr. Weierke would like to sell the property and is inquiring about the city's possible interest in the property at this time. A series of e-mails from LJM Properties and a copy of Scott County's Notice of Valuation and Classification for Taxes Payable 2009 was provided. The Commission should begin the discussion around the concept of whether additional parkland is needed and whether having a park in the Sawmill Woods area makes sense for the neighborhood and the community at large. If there seems to be an interest in moving forward, my recommendation would be to have the property appraised to get a realistic value. If the city were to move forward, an appraisal would be required.

Commission discussion: The Commission discussed the funding sources, current action, connection to other parks including Saw Mill Trail and the MNDOT rest stop, and the use of the Park Dedication Account. The PRC discussed the details of the Park Dedication Account, its purpose, future use, and the history of the Commissions spending; and the use of the account for reconstructing Park Drive.

Motion Willy Pauly, second Tim Bischke, to not pursue the LJM property on Saw Mill Park. Motion approved by a 5-2 vote.

PLANNER'S REPORT: There were 2 items on the Planner's Report.

A. Accounts. Planner MacCallum informed the Parks and Recreation Commission that as of June 16, 2008 the Parkland Dedication account had \$413,657.31 and the Park Equipment Improvement account has \$83,297.57.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Commissioners Donna Breeggemann, Willy Pauly, Ron Jabs and others thanked Commissioner Tania Branitski for her work on the potted plants.

Commissioner Tania Branitski discussed her absences from the Commission over the last few months; thanked Pearson's Green House for their contribution to the potted plants; and requested the timeline on the Aberdeen sidewalks/trails.

Commissioner Margaret Knutson discussed the construction workers at Holzer Park.

Commissioner Ron Jabs discussed the work that Merna Pekarna does for the City at Pekarna Park and requested a letter of appreciation be sent to her. Ron also discussed maintenance for the Log Cabin.

Commissioner Donna Breeggemann discussed the Park Dedication Account and made the following motion after discussion and revisions:

Motion Donna Breeggemann, second Willy Pauly, that the Parks and Recreation Commission has serious concern about using the Park Dedication Account for streets. Motion unanimously approved.

ADJOURN: *Motion by Margaret Knutson, seconded by Donna Breeggemann, to adjourn at 9:17pm. Motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Casey MacCallum
Planner