



CITY OF JORDAN
MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 7:02pm by Chair Jerry Langsweirdt.

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

Staff in attendance: Planner Casey MacCallum.

Also in attendance: Lori Mazanec of 968 Pioneer Court, and Pat Atkins of 915 Dakota Point.

ADOPT AGENDA: Donna Breeggemann, seconded by Tim Bischke, to adopt the agenda as presented.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *Motion by Willy Pauly, seconded by Ron Jabs, to accept the September 22, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously approved.*

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: There were no presentations.

OLD BUSINESS: there was 1 item of old business.

- A. Timberline Playground.** As presented by Planner MacCallum. In recent months the Timberline Homeowners Association (THA) has come to the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) to discuss improvement to the Timberline Playground. Staff provided the Commission with two quotes from EFAnderson and Summit Supply for two diggers (one ADA), toddler swing, talk tubes and equipment. Staff also informed the Commission that another swing bay for two more swings would not fit in the current playground. Staff's recommendation was to approve the Summit Supply quote but remove the talk tube for installation into Timberline Park, with half of the costs paid by THA. Staff also recommended conducting a needs assessment, survey, and listing required equipment for Neighborhood Parks before spending a considerable amount of capital dollars on expanding the playground.

Commission discussion: the Commission discussed the timeline for expanding the playground to accommodate another set of swings, and changing out the current swing set; age targets for playground; the cost of equipment for the playground; the color of the toddler swing; and implementation of the two diggers.

Motion by Donna Breeggemann, second by Tim Bischke, to recommend the Summit Supply quote with the removal of the talk tube; and that the Timberline Homeowners Association provide half of the cost. Motion unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: There was 1 item of new business.

- A. Required items for Neighborhood Parks.** As presented by Planner MacCallum. The Commission discussed what items should be required in neighborhood parks, both current and future. Provided is a description of neighborhood parks from the Jordan

Comprehensive Plan, and a description of the park features found in Jordan's three neighborhood parks.

Commission discussion: The Commission reviewed the list of features in each of the three parks, and considered Bridle Creek Park to be the best equipped and ideal, and used it as a base line for the list. So the list would include a four platform playground, four swing seats, four slides, two picnic tables, three trash cans, connecting sidewalks and paths, signage, three benches, picnic area, a park shelter/gazebo, two grills, landscaped with trees, and handicap accessible. Specifically Bridle Creek's large open space area and pond are considered a benefit to the neighborhood but not required for Neighborhood Parks; and that the only addition to Bridle Creek Park should be a ball court for basket ball, tennis, roller hockey, or similar activity. The Commission also discussed the need for flexibility in the development and subdivision process to allow developers and the Park and Recreation Commission to expand or reduce the park for greater community benefit.

No motion required, informational only.

PLANNER'S REPORT: There were 4 items on the Planner's Report.

- A. Accounts.** Planner MacCallum informed the Parks and Recreation Commission that the accounts will be provided during the next month.
- B. Park and Recreation Commission Name.** Planner MacCallum provided the Commission with the full Chapter 31.20 and 31.23, which outlined the function and establishment of the Park and Recreation Commission.
- C. Sawmill Trail, Mini Met improvements, and the 282 trail.** Planner MacCallum provided the Commission with a slide show of the Mini Met Improvements and a discussion of the trails currently under construction.
- D. Tania Branitski.** Planner MacCallum informed the Commission of a telephone call where Commissioner Branitski discussed her resigning from the Commission for personal reasons, and her appreciation for the time she spent on the Commission working to better the Jordan Parks.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: three Commissioners spoke.

Commissioner Donna Breeggemann requested information about the trees in Timberline Park and informed the Commission about a meeting Thursday night with 1,000 Friends of Minnesota.

Commissioner Ron Jabs discussed the Anderson Bench timeline, the use of service area for Neighborhood Parks, and developing a good trails system map.

Commissioner Willy Pauly requested information about signing the south side of Lagoon Park, the wheels on the cannon, and maintenance on the path down to the falls.

ADJOURN: *Motion by Tim Bischke, seconded by Donna Breeggemann, to adjourn at 8:26pm. Motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Casey MacCallum
Planner