



**City of Jordan  
Park and Recreation Commission  
January 24, 2011**

**Members Present:** Vice Chair Donna Breeggemann, Council Liaison Thom Boncher, Margaret Knutson, Tim Bischke, Youth Representative Bryant Baker

**Staff Present:** Senior Planner, Joe Janish; City Engineer Tim Loose

**Others Present:** David Hanson; John Stahler, Joe Thill, Mayor Pete Ewals, Jason Sellner

**1.0 Call to Order.**

*Vice Chair Breeggemann called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:02pm.*

**2.0 Adopt Agenda.**

Council Liaison Boncher noted he would like to add Gravel Haul Route impacts on Holzer Park as item 5.D.

*Motion Bischke, seconded Boncher to approve the agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.*

**3.0 Approval of Minutes.**

**A. December 27, 2010 Minutes**

*Motion Boncher seconded Bischke to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.*

**4.0 Presentations/Discussions.**

**A. East Street Lot (a.k.a Tax Forfeiture Lot).**

City Engineer Loose and Senior Planner Janish noted that the development of a possible park as discussed previously might cost \$107,800 to \$113,000 plus acquisition costs. The plan had called for a gazebo, trails and also retaining walls for the project.

John Stahler, 197 Maple Lane, noted he had a short notice of the meeting but was not in favor of the lots in question to be developed as a park. Mr. Stahler noted that the lot was not practical for park purposes, would have concerns with folks trespassing on his property and folks using the park at night. Mr. Stahler also questioned, why the City has not surveyed the parcel, a survey would show exactly what the city would potentially own. Mr. Stahler also noted he is opposed to any trail that would run through his property to Old Maple Lane right-of-way.

Mayor Ewals noted that the city could purchase the property and develop the property into a park and potentially use it as a connection to Old Maple Lane in the future. The future connection to Old Maple Lane right-of-way may not necessarily have to go through Mr. Stahler's property.

Jason Sellner, noted he had an interest in this project once he received a copy of the notice. Mr. Sellner also noted that not everyone is opposed to a park being developed in the area.

Commissioner Bischke indicated his spouse spoke with some neighbors and found little support for the project.

Commissioners questioned on the purchase price of the property and how the break out would work if Scott County sold the property.

Members noted they would like to continue the discussion next month and staff should provide the options on purchase prices.

*Motion Boncher, seconded Knutson, to table discussion until next month and staff to provide estimates for purchasing the property. Motion approved unanimously.*

## **5.0 Old Business.**

### **A. Past Projects/Discussion Updates.**

Commissioner Breeggemann noted that recycling containers should be considered for parks and added to the list.

Commissioner Bischke express interest to have the walkability assessment individuals cross Highways 282 and 21.

David Hanson questioned if he could provide an update on the Basketball court. Mr. Hanson noted that the court has received about \$13,000 committed at this time. Mr. Hanson noted the City of Jordan has an account holding the money and another letter will be sent out to potential donors.

Commissioners discussed if it might be appropriate to make a motion to increase the potential contribution by the City for a basketball court in Bridle Creek.

*Motion Boncher, seconded Knutson, to increase the original dollar amount from \$4,500 to \$7,500 to be used to construct a Basketball Court in Bridle Creek Park. Motion approved unanimously.*

### **B. County Road 66 Trail Discussion**

Janish noted that the Park and Recreation Commission had approved a motion to construct a trail along County Road 66. During preliminary design, it was found that in addition to adding retaining walls a portion of County Road 66 would have to be disturbed and patched in order to properly construct the wall. Originally the intent was to use developer contributed dollars to construct the trail and City Engineer Loose has provided some options to provide the connections.

The options reviewed included the additional proposal to provide for a trail along County Road 66 for the full segment, a second option would have a trail to Hillside Avenue and continue as on

roadway markings, the third option is to remove sidewalk segments along Hillside Avenue and Hillside Drive and put in trails.

Members discussed the options and noted the costs for the original orientation may not be covered under the developer contributions and did not know how the project could be funded.

The favored option by the Park and Recreation Commission was to provide on roadway markings from Hillside Drive and Hillside Avenue which would provide a connection to Lagoon Park, and the grade separated crossing at Highway 21.

*Motion Bischke, seconded Knutson, to construct a trail along County Road 66 until Hillside Avenue intersection and then provide signage and striping along Hillside Avenue and Hillside Drive to make the connection of the trail. Motion approved unanimously.*

### **C. Holzer Park Improvements.**

Janish noted that at the Park and Recreation Commission meeting in January members had been provided an aerial photo of Holzer Park along with play structures, and website address to review. Janish noted that staff is looking on how the Park and Recreation Commission members would like to proceed with improvements.

Members discussed adding improvements to the bathrooms at Holzer Park as a goal and discussed it might be appropriate to have staff develop a list of what can be done for a certain dollar amount at Holzer Park. Members directed staff to develop a list of options with a not to exceed amount of \$25,000 to attempt to meet the goals identified which included: bathroom upgrades, stop traffic from going next to the concession stand, revamp the circle area, purchase play equipment, providing a walkway for increased handicap accessibility, identify potential grants.

Members discussed adding a CIP discussion at a future meeting to look at past revenues, projected revenues and potential projects for the next several years.

### **D. Gravel Haul Route**

Council Liaison Boncher had a draft letter he had prepared with his thoughts and concerns on how the possibility of a gravel haul route next to Holzer Park may impact the park itself. Members discussed the letter and indicated the Park and Recreation Commission should focus solely on impacts to the park and safety concerns of Holzer Park.

Janish noted that he was not certain if the Park and Recreation Commission had the authority to send a letter, and the concerns could be brought forward to the City Council and potentially incorporated in the City Council's response to the EAW.

Council Liaison Boncher indicated he saw no reason why the Park and Recreation Commission could not send a letter of this nature because it did not involve money being spent.

The letter focused on three concerns: safety impact of truck traffic on the proposed haul route, impact odor, dust, air quality and noise will have on the park, and if vibrations will cause any structural issues with the park. Members drafted a revised Boncher's letter to reflect the three major concerns identified above.

Members directed staff to send the letter once Council Liaison Boncher had incorporated the changes identified during the meeting.

## **6.0 New Business.**

### **A. Organization Structure**

Janish noted the Park and Recreation Commission typically appoints a Chair and Vice-Chair during the January meeting and it would be appropriate to do so at this time.

*Motion Bischke, seconded Knutson, to nominate Breeggemann as Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission for 2011. Motion approved with Breeggemann abstaining.*

*Motion Bischke, seconded Breeggemann, to nominate Knutson as Vice-Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission for 2011. Motion approved with Knutson abstaining.*

## **7.0 Planners Report.**

### **A. PEI and Parkland Dedication Account Information**

Park and Recreation Commissioners acknowledged the report.

## **8.0 Commissioner Report.**

No reports had been received.

## **9.0 Adjournment.**

*Motion Boncher, seconded Bischke to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish  
Senior Planner