



City of Jordan
Park and Recreation Commission
April 27, 2009

Members Present: Chair Jerry Langsweirdt; Vice Chair Donna Breeggemann; Council Representative Mayor Pete Ewals; Tim Bischke; Margaret Knutson; Thom Boncher; and John Glynn.

Staff Present: City Administrator Ed Shukle

Others Present: Local Boy Scout Troop and their leaders

1.0 Call to Order.

Chair Langsweirdt called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Adopt Agenda.

Motion Bischke, seconded by Glynn to approve agenda as submitted. Motion unanimously approved.

3.0 Approval of Minutes.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Glynn to approve the March 27, 2009 minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

4.0 Presentations/Discussions.

The Safe Routes to Schools Trail grant, Rice Street Bridge and Sewer Line near Holzer Park were presented by Carol Caron, City Engineer.

Caron indicated that the Trail project was along County Road 61 and County Road 66 near the Jordan schools. She indicated that a grant had been applied for within the past 2 years to obtain state monies to build additional trails in the city that would encourage young people to walk to school to address the national problem of obesity. She indicated that these trails will be a welcome addition to the community and that plans and specifications will be approved by the City Council at their May 4, 2009 meeting. MnDOT will be providing \$175,000, Scott County \$85,000 and the City of Jordan remaining dollars to make this trail project happen. She also mentioned that a 4-way stop will be constructed at the intersection of CR 61 and CR 66.

The Rice Street Bridge is in need of replacement. Caron explained that the bridge was built with reused steel many years ago and that the bridge has been rated poorly by MnDOT and Scott County. The bridge serves as the only official entrance to the Mini-Met. The City Council is currently having the City Engineer prepare Phase I engineering plans for the potential replacement of the bridge. Also discussed was the temporary crossing over the railroad tracks between the Mini-Met and Lagoon Park.

Caron discussed a possible sewer line near a proposed youth ballfield at Holzer Park and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. No immediate plans are being made for this sewer line project. Commissioners requested

staff derive a plan of action for the proposed sewer line project that would minimize or reduce future impacts to the youth field, in order to continue forward with the possible field.

Caron also discussed bike trails and signage for such trails. The Public Safety Committee is scheduled to discuss this topic at its meeting on April 28, 2009. Also mentioned were potential railroad cross arms to be installed on Syndicate Street.

The Commission asked about the status of the roundabout or signalized intersection at Creek Lane and TH 282. Caron indicated that this idea was presented at an open house in August 2008 but that the city council put the project on hold pending other matters.

Jeremy Goebel, Boy Scout Leader, introduced the Boy Scout Troop and their interest in earning a merit badge for community service. Some of the scouts asked questions regarding the trail system and other city projects. The Commission thanked the scouts for being in attendance.

5.0 Old Business.

John Glynn asked about the southeast area of Lagoon Park and the possible use of the upper level for a dog park or Frisbee golf area. Shukle said that he would discuss with Joe Janish and have Joe report back at the next meeting.

The Commission wondered if the Christmas greens were going to be removed from the flower pots in the downtown area. Shukle said this would occur soon.

6.0 New Business.

Shukle explained that the 2009 Budget has monies in it for flowers for the downtown area pots. However, this expense has been identified as a possible cut for this year's budget. He indicated that the Commission may wish to consider an "Adopt a Pot" program that would involve individuals adopting these pots by purchasing flowers and maintaining them throughout the spring and summer seasons. Although the Commission felt this was a good idea, they were more interested in continuing with the city planting the flowers this year and moving into an Adopt a Pot program for 2010 and future years. It was moved by Knutson, seconded by Boncher to recommend to the City Council that up to \$1,000 be spent out of this year's budget for the purchase of flowers with local volunteers planting the flowers and maintaining them. Motion passed 6-1 with Mayor Ewals opposed.

Also discussed was discontinuing the operation of the water fountain in the Millpond. The cost of powering the fountain is about \$1,800 per year. The Commission wondered if the fountain could be operated only on days when special events are held at Lagoon Park. Staff will research this and report back at the next meeting.

Also mentioned was the licensing of bicycles and whether the city would be interested in getting into this program. No direction was given to staff.

7.0 Planners Report.

The Commission acknowledged the information regarding the Park Equipment Improvement Fund and the Park Dedication Fund.

The Commission asked about the status of the following items: flagpole at the Log Cabin, fishing pier at the Millpond, Josh Anderson bench, playground equipment at Timberline Park, painting of the exterior of the restrooms at Lagoon Park and appropriate signing for Lagoon Park.

8.0 Commissioner Report.

Commissioner Boncher would like to see a list of priorities or “master plan” for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Other members indicated that they had seen one in the past. Shukle indicated he would ask Planner Janish to bring this forward at the next meeting for discussion.

Commissioner Boncher also asked about having a park tour for the commission. He said that he was going to tour the parks with Planner Janish in the near future. Shukle mentioned that it might be a good idea to have a parks tour at a future meeting. The city could ask Scott County Transit to furnish a bus for this purpose. Following the tour, the commission could come back to city hall and discuss the tour and other agenda items. No direction was provided as to when this tour would take place.

Also requested was a map of city parks. Shukle indicated he would ask Planner Janish to provide a map of the city’s park system. The Commission also asked about the status of the swimming beach signage and buoys. Shukle indicated that the buoys will be installed in the near future. The sign is in the process of being made and will be in place prior to Memorial Day weekend.

Commissioner Bischke asked about disc golf and where that topic stood for a possible course to be located in one of the city parks. Shukle could not respond to the question and indicated that he would check with Planner Janish and he would report back at the next meeting.

Commissioner Breegemann asked for an update on repairs to the following at Holzer Park: backstop, grade/erosion issues on Fields #1 and #2 and cleaning and pruning by Sentence to Service (STS) crews. Shukle indicated he would check with Public Works Director Bendzick and have Planner Janish report back at the next meeting.

Commissioner Bischke asked about trails/sidewalks being located on either side of a street or both. City Engineer Caron had indicated that the requirement for trails/sidewalks is part of the city’s subdivision ordinance and is dependent upon the type of street adjacent to the trails/sidewalks. In other words, in some areas, both sides of the street would have a sidewalk/trail where in other areas, the sidewalk/trail would be located on only one side of the street.

9.0 Adjournment.

Motion Breegemann, seconded Knutson, to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Shukle
City Administrator