



**City of Jordan  
Park and Recreation Commission  
May 24, 2010**

**Members Present:** Chair Jerry Langsweirdt (arrived later in the meeting); Vice Chair Donna Breeggemann; Mayor Pete Ewals; and Thom Boncher, John Glynn, Margaret Knutson, Bryant Baker

**Staff Present:** Senior Planner, Joe Janish; Planning Consultant, Joanne Foust

**Others Present:** Ray Sandey, Dave Pokorney

**1.0 Call to Order.**

*Vice - Chair Breeggemann called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:01pm.*

**2.0 Adopt Agenda.**

Senior Planner Janish noted Park and Recreation Members may wish to cover items 4.0 (A), 6.0 (B), 6.0 (A), 6.0 (C) first; since people are present for those items, and then continue with the agenda as presented.

*Motion Boncher seconded by Glynn to adopt agenda as Janish noted. Motion approved unanimously.*

**3.0 Approval of Minutes.**

**A. March 22, 2010 Minutes**

*Motion Glynn, seconded by Boncher to approve the April 26, 2010 Minutes, as presented. Motion unanimously approved.*

**4.0 Presentations/Discussions.**

**A. Community Education Information – Brenda Lieske**

Noted that Community Education is funded by a formula based on a certain population growth. Community Ed is limited in that it is only able to have 25 percent of the total expenditures in the fund balance, and this is a requirement to try to provide for the most economical programs to the participants. Lieske provided an overview of the enrolled for the programs offered by Community Ed. Lieske also stated that the city has been increasing the funds provided by 2 percent each year and is expecting this to occur into the future.

Some members questioned if it may be more appropriate to look at the increase based on population as to the current escalator formula. Members also questioned Lieske as to what type of fields will be needed in the future for Community Education. Lieske noted that

soccer fields may be needed in the future along with an additional baseball area. Lieske also provided an overview of the proposed improvements at one of the baseball fields at Jordan High School.

## **B. Basketball Discussion**

Janish provided an overview of where the neighborhood is at in trying to obtain donations to construct a basketball court in Bridle Creek (additions 1 – 4). The neighborhood has obtained a few different quotes on constructing the court. Public Works Director Bendzick noted the Public Works Department would be willing to provide some labor to construct the base in addition to the \$4,500 the PRC is willing to provide as long as it would not void any warranty work. Staff had meet with one member of the neighborhood (David Hanson) and reviewed it may be better to move the court to the East side of the playground equipment to keep some costs down and provide for more separation from some of the homes as opposed to the West side of the playground equipment.

## **C. Master Park and Trail Plan**

Sally Wakefield was present and provided an overview of the GIS information. The purpose of the information was to identify areas to for potential future active parks. Sally Wakefield provided a brief overview of how the process was developed, by providing a value to each of the items that those who surveyed identified. If an area had more than one occurrence the value would be higher and the color would change.

Areas that had been provided as potential areas for future active parks did not include: steep slopes and bluffs, water quality (lakes, rivers, streams), wetlands, floodplain, shoreland, RSEA, Scenic qualities, tree cover, wildlife habitat, prime agricultural soils. Wakefield noted this model is somewhat the reverse of what the PRC had seen last time.

Sally Wakefield noted the next steps for this project would be to refine this model.

## **5.0 Old Business.**

### **A. Project/Discussion Update.**

Mr. Janish provided an update on past projects.

### **B. Carver Scott SHIP (Statewide Health and Improvement Program)**

Janish indicated that this program is promoting non-motorized transportation and active living. Participating cities would be able to take advantage of the following opportunities: monetary incentives, assistance, and support.

Janish noted the Park and Recreation Commission discussed pursuing walkable community workshops or other active living assessments, promotion of existing parks, trails or other recreation areas, technical assistance for implementing and promoting existing action plans, having a trail gap analysis conducted, looking at handicap accessibility of parks and park equipment, options to provide a safe crossing of highway 169.

Janish noted he recently was provided an electronic copy of the survey and could provide copies to members in order to determine if anything stands out to members and they would want the information included within the survey.

## **D. Strategic Planning Discussion**

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed the proposed Strategic Plan and noted to provide the copy to the City Council and at the next meeting alterations or changes would be made.

Janish informed the Commissioners that the intent is to present this information to the City Council at their June 21<sup>st</sup> Workshop meeting and more information would be sent to members with an estimated time.

## **6.0 New Business.**

### **A. Lagoon Park Mural.**

Janish noted that three options had been developed by the Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts still have an interest in pursuing a mural on the Lagoon Park Restroom. Linda Steinhoff was present to discuss the options.

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed the options and then questioned which mural the Girl Scouts preferred. The Girl Scouts noted they preferred the mural which included the activities around the Celebrate Jordan wording.

Members noted that it would be appropriate to have the base coat redone to provide a new surface for the mural and in order for the mural to be seen it would be appropriate to have the mural on the side of the restroom which fronts Park Drive.

Commissioner Glynn noted that if staff was not able to provide a painted surface that he would be willing to paint the building. Commissioner Boncher also noted he would volunteer his time to paint the structure as well.

*Motion Knutson, seconded Boncher to allow for the Girl Scouts to paint the preferred mural (flowers, and activities) on the Park Drive side of the restrooms and staff should provide a base coat for the mural. Motion approved unanimously.*

### **B. Possible Park Bench Donation.**

Janish stated a private individual was willing to donate a bench that is currently on their personal fishing dock to the City of Jordan. Janish noted photo's had been attached to the write up for commissioners review and the photos had been forwarded to the insurance provider. The insurance agent noted the bench would need to be fastened to the ground, and the boards would have to be replaced in order to prevent someone from being potentially hurt.

Janish noted the PRC may want to discuss adding another type of bench to the park system when a focus on the past has been trying to coordinate the equipment and facilities within the parks.

Commissioners noted the bench seemed to be more for a fishing dock and may not be appropriate within a park because it would add yet another different bench to the parks.

*Motion Glynn, seconded Boncher to provide cost options to the resident for purchase of a bench/plaque, plaque, and picnic table. The resident could purchase a plaque and place it on the bench west of the cannon if they desired. Motion unanimously approved.*

### **C. Review CAD Development**

*Commissioner Boncher excused himself from the room, noting he currently has a home in Wexford Square.*

Janish indicated the City of Jordan has received a request to develop an outlot in Wexford Square. The outlot had originally been proposed to include 24 townhomes. The current proposal is to plat the outlot into two lots with an outlot. Each lot is currently proposed to be developed into an assisted living/memory care facility. As the current proposal is drafted the developer is proposing a trail to lead to the outlot which would “dead-end” at this time.

Janish noted since the developer is proposing a higher density staff is asking the Park and Recreation to consider requiring the developer to make a cash payment to the Parkland Dedication Account. Janish noted this payment would be tied to the increase in density and would equate to 6.7 percent of the purchase price.

Currently the site has a trail on the north side of 185<sup>th</sup> street, and the expected users of a park would have to cross 185<sup>th</sup> street. Janish noted it may be more appropriate to place a park on the south side of 185<sup>th</sup> street. Janish also noted that Public Works would need access to the trails in order to conduct maintenance and would essentially be driving vehicles between the two buildings. Janish noted that according to the Park Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan the City is not looking for a park in this area.

Janish further noted he has had a conversation with the original developer of Wexford Square and the developer has “pitched” an idea of potentially donating some lots to the city if an appraisal is able to come in at the right number. This land would be on the south side of 185<sup>th</sup> street and would be able to provide a recreation opportunity to those in the Wexford Square development.

*Motion Glynn, seconded Knutson, to request the City Council require a payment to the Parkland Dedication Account of 6.7 percent due to the increase in density. Motion unanimously approved.*

*Motion Glynn, seconded Knutson, to pursue the option of obtaining property from the original developer of Wexford Square as a donation. Motion unanimously approved.*

*Commissioner Boncher re-entered the meeting.*

## **7.0 Planners Report.**

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

Commissioners acknowledged the account information.

## **8.0 Commissioner Report.**

Commissioner Glynn questioned rumors of a community garden and would like to have an update. Glynn had thought about property next to the Rushmeyer property may work for this type of thing

Commissioner Boncher questioned if it would be possible to have an article included in the Jordan Independent to entice folks to apply for the PRC by listing the accomplishments and what is currently being worked on. Janish noted he would have a conversation with the City Administrator because an opening on the EDA is coming up as well and it may be possible to include such an article in the City Newsletter.

**9.0 Adjournment.**

*Motion Boncher, seconded by Knutson, to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 10:20 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish  
Senior Planner