



**City of Jordan
Park and Recreation Commission
July 27, 2009**

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

Staff Present: Senior Planner, Joe Janish

Others Present: Guy Beck, 937 Waterford Way

1.0 Call to Order.

Chair Langsweirdt called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:23 pm.

2.0 Adopt Agenda.

Planner Janish indicated he would like to add agenda item 6.0 B Union Pacific Railroad Fence.

Motion Glynn, seconded by Knutson to adopt agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

3.0 Approval of Minutes.

Motion Boncher, seconded by Glynn to approve the June 22nd Workshop Minutes and June 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

4.0 Presentations/Discussions.

None.

5.0 Old Business.

A. Bike Routes.

Senior Planner Janish noted that the Jordan City Council voted to not implement phase one of the Bike Route following the Safety Committee recommendation. The safety committee had recommended not proceeding with the bike route signage with one member dissenting for the following reasons: The trail through Lagoon Park is used by a high volume of pedestrians, and include very young pedestrians using the adjacent playground and swim beach as well as elderly pedestrians. The Bike Route designation may encourage high speed bicyclists to use the pathway, and the interaction between the pedestrians and these advanced bicyclists may result in collisions. Hillside Drive would need to be signed as no parking and residents may ignore the signs causing a safety issue. The route would end at Aberdeen Avenue, which is not a safe street for bicyclists and not wide enough for a bike lane and has too much traffic to sign it with "Share the Road" signs. Accident reports indicating bicyclists have been side

swiped on Aberdeen Avenue and the end of the route is immediately adjacent to the elementary school.

Janish noted the Jordan City Council directed staff and the Park and Recreation Commission derive another alternative as the first phase of the bike route. Janish indicated an 11x17 map was included within commissioner's packets that show some alternative routes that may be implemented. Janish also noted it is intended to review the routes to derive an alternative to recommend to the Jordan City Council.

Commissioner Breeggemann asked if she could interrupt and Chair Langsweirdt allowed Breeggemann to speak.

Commissioner Breeggemann noted she felt as though the safety committee was out of line by recommending denying the request when a plan is in place suggesting this route. Mayor Ewals also commented that the safety committee should have had hard facts to recommend denial and safety has numbers and would like to see the facts.

Commissioner Boncher made a motion to table the item until a group of Park and Recreation Members can meet with the Safety Committee to discuss alternatives and why the first phase was not supported. Boncher suggested that Commissioners Breeggemann, Bischke and Mayor Ewals meet with the Safety Committee to discuss the first phase and alternatives. Commissioner Knutson seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

After the motion Chair Langsweirdt recognized Guy Beck, 937 Waterford Way and questioned if Mr. Beck had any comments on the Bike Routes.

Mr. Beck noted that he had published some maps showing some issues with the City of Jordan as it relates to bicyclists. Mr. Beck also noted that complete streets take into account bicyclists and allows for greater flexibility and Hennepin County, the State of Wisconsin, and St. Paul have adopted the complete street program. Mr. Beck noted if one goes to any other community such as Carver, New Prague, Chaska or Belle Plaine they have a better Bike route system than the City of Jordan. Mr. Beck also noted that County Road 9 is a new road with only a 6 inch shoulder and is not safe for bicyclists. Beck also noted that no bike trails exist to get to Radermachers Fresh Market. Mr. Beck noted that many roads around Jordan do not have shoulders and we need to have them if Jordan is to be the "Hub" of Scott County. Mr. Beck also commented that the safety committee based their decision on appearance of safety and did have anything to support the "appearance" issue.

B. Disc Golf

Janish noted the Park and Recreation Commission has had conversations in the past about developing a Disc Golf Course at Lagoon Park and trying to incorporating the Rushmeyer property within the course.

Scott County Commissioner Hennen, had assisted with the development of the Lions Park Disc Golf Course in Shakopee had provided staff with contact information for Chuck Kennedy who had designed the Shakopee Course. Mr. Kennedy has assisted in the creation of over 100 Disc Golf Courses and played and evaluated over 300 courses in the past 15 years. Mr. Kennedy developed a Disc Golf Course Design guideline which have been adopted by the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) and is currently serving as Chair of that committee. Mr. Kennedy has been Co-Director of Course Development for the Minnesota Frisbee Association for 15 years. Janish noted that Mr. Kennedy believes it would be possible to design a 9-hole course in Jordan within about one day. Depending on the density of foliage, design fees excluding expenses for 9-hole courses typically run from \$400 to \$1,000 and 18 holes typically run from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Commissioners expressed some concern over making a motion to approve an up to dollar amount of \$2,000.

Commissioner Knutson made a motion to hire Mr. Kennedy to design a course for a not to exceed dollar amount of \$500. Seconded by Breeggemann. Motion unanimously approved.

C. Adopt a Planter Program.

Janish indicated changes had been made to the brochure as requested by the Park and Recreation Commission from the last meeting. Mr. Janish noted that the estimated dollar amounts of \$25 per planter and \$3.50 for every 1.75 square feet was derived at with the assistance of Commissioner Breeggemann.

Commissioners discussed some wording changes and Commissioner Breeggemann noted staff could forward an updated draft prior to the next meeting to be sure the all the changes are inline with the comments.

D. Project/Discussion Update.

Fishing Pier: Janish indicated the fishing pier is installed. Commissioners questioned if a “No Diving” sign is needed and also expressed concern over the steepness of the ramp to get to the pier.

Possible Basketball Court Donation: Mr. Janish noted that staff has not fully researched this item at this time and is working to locate alternatives for the placement of the court and will report back at a later time.

Flag Pole at Log Cabin: Staff noted that one of the individuals involved with this project lost a family member and staff is going to wait a little while longer before making contact.

Priorities: Depending upon time, it may be possible to discuss this after tonight’s meeting in a workshop format.

Master Park and Trail Plan: Mr. Janish noted that funding has been allocated as part of the Community Growth Options Grant to develop a Master Park and Trail Plan for the City of Jordan starting in 2010 with an expected completion at the end of 2010.

6.0 New Business.

A. August 24, 2009 Meeting.

Senior Planner Janish noted that he has a conflict with the August 24, 2009 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting date. He attempted to derive a solution to the conflict however was not able to. Staff suggested meeting on Tuesday August 25, 2009 as an alternative.

Chair Langsweirdt made a motion to reschedule the Park and Recreation Commission meeting from August 24, 2009 to August 25, 2009, seconded by Breeggemann. Motion unanimously approved.

B. Union Pacific Railroad Fence.

Planner Janish indicated that due to the condition of the Rice Street Bridge (Mini-Met Bridge) the City is working to obtain permission for temporary crossing improvements of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks between Park Drive and the Mini-Met. Currently the railroad is requiring a fence to be constructed on the Lagoon Park side of the tracks (West side). Mr. Janish provided cost estimates: 4’ high, 9 gauge galvanized chainlink with top rail \$3,015; 4’ high, 8 gauge black vinyl coated chainlink with top rail \$3,680 which can be upgraded to 6

gauge wire for a price under \$5,000. Janish also indicated that a black decorative Ameristar fence which is the same style as what is by the old Rushmeyer proper in aluminum for \$17,350 or in steel for \$23,190. Mr. Janish noted that staff is recommending to move forward with a black vinyl coated chainlink which is similar to the fence around the former St. John's School building. Staff is supporting using the black vinyl coated fence in 6 gauge, because the fence is not necessarily in a prominent place as that of the Rushmeyer parking area in Lagoon Park, and is more visually appealing than the galvanized fencing, and the larger wire should be able to prevent "curling" of the fence and provide a more durable product.

Commissioners discussed that the fence location would not be as prominent in the park as other areas and also questioned where the funding for the crossing and the bridge funding would come from. Janish noted the City Council has not yet determined how to fund the bridge or the crossing at this time.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Knutson to move forward with a 6 gauge black vinyl fence for a price not to exceed \$5,000. Motion approved unanimously.

7.0 Planners Report.

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

8.0 Commissioner Report.

Commissioner Breeggemann noted that there are weeds in Firemans Park and perhaps the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts might be looking for duties.

Commissioner Knutson discussions are occurring about improvements to fields located on the school property.

Commissioner Glynn noted that people are still driving in Lagoon Park and the Chief of Police has sent a notice to organizations letting them know they are not suppose to drive in the park.

Commissioner Boncher questioned if everyone would be receiving contact information for other members on the commission. Janish indicated that he would put the information together and have it to them for the next meeting.

9.0 Adjournment.

Motion Boncher, seconded Breeggemann, to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish
Senior Planner