



**City of Jordan  
Park and Recreation Commission  
September 27, 2010**

**Members Present:** Chair Jerry Langsweirdt, Vice Chair Donna Breeggemann, Thom Boncher, John Glynn, Margaret Knutson, Donna Breeggemann, Bryant Baker, Mayor Pete Ewals

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

**Others Present:** Liz Boyer

**1.0 Call to Order.**

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

**2.0 Adopt Agenda.**

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

**3.0 Approval of Minutes.**

**A. August 24, 2010 Minutes**

*Motion Boncher, seconded by Breeggemann to approve the August 24, 2010 Minutes as presented. Motion unanimously approved.*

**B. September 16, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes.**

*Motion Breeggemann, seconded Knutson to approve the September 16, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion unanimously approved.*

**4.0 Presentations/Discussions.**

**A. Master Park and Trail Plan**

Foust provided an overview of what natural resources are, and provided the survey results that had been received during the comprehensive plan process showing the rankings and priorities of those who completed the survey.

During review of the natural resource section Commissioner Breeggemann noted she would like to see Elm trees added to the list of significant trees to be noted on plans, along with providing current nursery standards to Foust in order to provide for a consistent standard. Members also questioned if it would be appropriate to include locating trees that may take a long time to grow and would not qualify as significant because of the size, and if a list of these trees should be included as part of the tree preservation plan. Members also requested

to review the tree preservation plan at an upcoming meeting to see what the replacement rate is.

Discussion occurred about including the prime agricultural areas as part of the plan. It was concluded the information could be beneficial if the Park and Recreation Commission was looking at acquiring property for a community garden.

Discussions occurred about current mining within Jordan and members developed a consensus that gravel operations should be reviewed and an ordinance establishing requirements should be developed which would include restoration plans and contain additional requirements related to this type of use.

Park and Recreation Commission members discussed the Planning Commission should consider LEED certification recognition.

### **B. Basketball Discussion**

Janish noted that the timeline for this project has now passed and the neighborhood is short of the target dollar amount. Janish noted some folks are discussing splitting the project into two phases, the first phase would be for site prep and then in the spring begin construction.

Park and Recreation Commissioners discussed it would be more appropriate to extend the time period, in order to allow for the neighborhood to obtain the proper funding otherwise the project could potentially be left half complete if the total funds could not be obtained.

*Motion Glynn, seconded Knutson, to not start work until funding has been received, and to extend the \$4,500 offer until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.*

## **5.0 Old Business.**

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

Mr. Janish provided an update on past projects.

### **B. Possible Funding of School Field.**

Ron Beckman provided an overview of the school field 2 improvements that are underway. Mr. Beckman noted that the field is progressing rather well and it is expected to be complete this fall with the intention to be able to play baseball in the spring of 2011. Mr. Beckman noted the project is about \$20,000 short at the moment but has received strong community support. It is estimated about \$175,000 have been donated in-kind, with about \$95,000 in cash.

Commissioners questioned if one thing was still missing from the project what would it be?

Mr. Beckman noted that the girls and boys batting areas could use new netting and potentially another batting cage.

*Motion Boncher, seconded Glynn, to recommend the City Council consider using PEI funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for trees and batting cage improvements of the school athletic complex. Motion unanimously approved.*

### **C. Disc Golf Course**

Members discussed the potential Disc Golf Course at Holzer Park. Janish noted the designer indicated the need of a bridge in order to design a 9 hole course. Janish noted in the past the Park and Recreation Commission had reviewed a potential bridge from Sawmill Park to the MNDOT Rest stop. This particular bridge had a price tag of around \$212,451. The designer also noted the cost of the course would increase due to the amount of trees that would need to be removed.

Commissioners discussed it would be appropriate to insert the desire to potentially have a disc golf course within the community but to place the discussion on hold and include language within the Master Park and Trail Plan for the desire of such a facility.

### **D. Cannon Wheels**

Janish noted a Park and Recreation Commissioner requested to have this item on the agenda. Janish noted staff has in the past try to find someone who repairs wheels for wagons and has spoken with some local horse owners but could not find someone. Janish noted contact was made with a buggy repair shop that was not interested in repairing the wheels of the cannon.

Commissioner Breeggemann noted she had a relative that may have access to someone who might be able to repair the wheels and will make contact with the relative.

Commissioners indicated it would be appropriate to again look for someone who might be able to repair the wheels.

## **6.0 New Business.**

### **A. Overview of Past Park Improvements**

Public Works Director Bendzick provided an overview of the last 10 years of park improvements and from what funding sources the improvements had been made from.

Commissioners had no comments or questions for Mr. Bendzick.

### **B. County Road 66 Improvements**

Senior Planner Janish indicated that at the City Council meeting of August 16, 2010 City Engineer, Carol Caron, provided an overview of a potential project along County Road 66. Janish indicated that staff heard about Scott County having intentions of rehabilitating County Road 66 when discussing future projects. When it was noted at this meeting staff thought it would be appropriate to discuss the possibility of constructing a trail along the roadway. Janish provided a copy of the engineer report that was presented at the City Council meeting on August 16, 2010.

The Council write-up indicated that the estimated cost for the trail system is \$444,000. Janish noted that at this time it is not certain that the segment along Highway 21 could be constructed but if it was would provide access to the trail segment under Highway 21. Janish noted that staff believes it may be possible to use dedicated developer dollars to complete the project.

*Motion Knutson, seconded Breeggemann to pursue the construction of the trail on the North side of County Road 66 potentially using developer dollars and looking for possible grants as well. Motion unanimously approved.*

### **C. Discuss Tax Forfeited Property**

Janish noted at the City Council Meeting on August 16 a discussion occurred about a tax forfeited property on East Street. The parcel was located at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and East Street. The City Council ultimately requested the Park and Recreation Commission review the parcel for possible public conveyance or purchase.

Neighboring property owner Julie Bischke indicated if the property is made available for sale she would be interested in purchasing the property. Mrs. Bischke also noted that the property could also be acquired by the City and restored to its natural vegetation.

*Motion Knutson, seconded Boncher to recommend to the City Council to accept the property through the public conveyance process and develop plans for a natural habitat on the property. Motion unanimously approved.*

## **7.0 Planners Report.**

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

Commissioners acknowledged the account information.

## **8.0 Commissioner Report.**

Commissioner Knutson indicated next Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> a Healthy Living event is occurring and encouraged members to attend if possible.

Commissioner Glynn questioned if it might be possible to have a permit for individuals to park or drive into the parks in order to show the residents the individuals had proper permission.

Commissioner Boncher indicated that tomorrow night in Belle Plain Scott County will have a meeting to discuss the County Master Park and Trail Plan and encouraged individuals to attend.

Mayor Ewals indicated Scott County completed a study of Sand Creek which resulted in stating Sand Creek is too expensive to try to improve the water quality and it creek has no recreation value and indicated members should actually look at Sand Creek as a recreation opportunity.

## **9.0 Adjournment.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish  
Senior Planner