



**City of Jordan
Park and Recreation Commission
March 23, 2009**

Members Present: Chair Jerry Langsweirdt; Vice-Chair Donna Breeggemann; Tim Bischke; John Glynn; Thomas Boncher; Margaret Knutson; Mayor Pete Ewals

Staff Present: Senior Planner Joe Janish

Others Present: Council Member Tanya Velishek

1.0 Call to Order.

Chair Langsweirdt called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:05 pm.

2.0 Adopt Agenda.

Senior Planner Janish noted that he was aware of Commissioner Boncher requesting information on the trails to be built, however the City Engineer was not able to attend this meeting and is working to arrange a meeting for the presentation.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Bischke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

3.0 Approval of Minutes.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Bischke to approve the February 23, 2009 minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

4.0 Presentations/Discussions.

None.

5.0 Old Business.

A. Rustle Road Lot.

Senior Planner Janish noted at the last meeting the Park and Recreation Commission discussed possibly developing the “Rustle Road Lot” into a park which is located at the split of Rustle Road and Juergens Circle on the west side of the Mill Pond. Mr. Janish noted the lot is triangular in shape is approximately 3,920 square feet and is currently bordered on all three sides by City right of way. Sewer and water lines run through the right of way on the south and east sides of the lot.

Janish also indicated the lot appears relatively flat and depending on future decisions, further research by staff may need to be done in order to vacate the right of way on the southern boundary. Janish also provided an overview of how right of way is typically vacated.

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed inviting the residents of the area to a meeting to find out the level of interest of actually developing the park and also what type of amenities they would like to see within the park. Commissioner Knutson suggested it may be possible to include a gazebo. Commissioner Bischke stated he believes the area could be utilized as a small neighborhood park.

Motion Glynn, seconded by Ewals to obtain input from the neighbors on possibly improving this lot, and inviting the neighborhood to a future Park and Recreation Commission meeting to discuss the type of improvements they would like to see. Motion unanimously approved.

6.0 New Business.

A. Handouts.

Senior Planner Janish had two maps of local parks which included aerial photography of the parks and questioned if these two maps met the expectations of the Park and Recreation Commission for the type of maps they would like of all the Parks within City limits. It was a consensus this type of map would be sufficient. Mr. Janish noted he would work on completing maps of all the parks and provide them at a future meeting.

Commissioner Knutson noted she was absent at the last meeting and did not receive a paper copy of the Parks Chapter of the plan. Mr. Janish noted he would provide the copy at a future meeting.

7.0 Planners Report.

A. PEI and Park Land Dedication Account Information.

Senior Planner Janish indicated the Park Land Fund has not seen a change since last month with approximately \$412,844.54. Mr. Janish also noted due to commitments of projects such as: additional parking along Park Drive, construction of the Sawmill and 282 trails, and the Safe Routes to School Grant it is estimated the account would have a fund balance of \$242,380.

Mr. Janish noted the Park Equipment and Improvement Fund, has a balance of \$59,103.28 which is an increase from last month.

8.0 Commissioner Report.

Commissioner Breeggemann indicated the Park and Recreation Commission had started working on a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Parks and would like to work on the CIP in the near future.

Commissioner Bischke provided a copy of an email to the Park and Recreation Commission between himself and Scott County employees. The email was an exchange between Parks Program Manager Mark Themig and Associate Planner Andy Hingeveld. Bischke noted he and Commissioner Boncher held a meeting between the County Employees and discussed the Bike Route that was proposed and passed by the City two years ago. According to these two individuals the County would not prevent the City from signing the routes within City limits on

City Roads. The email indicated the County is only responsible for bike routes on County Roads, however coordination between the City and County is encouraged in establishing these routes.

Commissioner Bischke indicated his conversation with these two individuals and the email would not have prevented the City to starting the bike route and would like to see the routes reach the implementation phase by installing the signage.

Council Member Tanya Velishek questioned Mr. Janish why the signage was not in place today if the County staff is not preventing the City from signing the bike routes. Mr. Janish responded that he has an email from Joe Gustafson noting the county is not in favor of having the bike routes signed. Mr. Janish noted that according to the email that Commissioner Bischke has the information will be passed on and staff will proceed to get the signs up.

Mr. Janish did state that the County staff has in the past indicated that the bike routes or lanes would not be installed on County Road 61 or 66. The City of Jordan may be able to proceed with this first segment that Commissioner Bischke is discussing however the county may not allow for phase two or phase three once the City begins to look to add to the system.

Commissioner Boncher noted that this is the start and the trail system has to start somewhere and the trail system can be added to as time goes on.

Commissioner Glynn noted he has seen vehicles driving in Lagoon Park and would like to see the gate closed [Rushmeyer Property to Lagoon Park] or the installation of posts or bollards in order to prevent individuals from driving into the park from this area.

Commissioner Knutson questioned what is happening to the Josh Anderson Bench. Janish noted he believes that the bench has been delivered and at the Public Works Department and would be installed once weather permits.

Knutson also questioned if the City has received the Flag Pole which was going to be donated to the City to be installed next to the log cabin. Mr. Janish noted he does not recall of a flag pole being donated to the City of Jordan and questioned who would have donated the pole. Knutson noted former Planner MacCallum was working with some organization possibly the Families of Fallen Soldiers to receive the donation. Mr. Janish stated he would look into this and report back at a later date.

Commissioner Knutson also noted the Joint Powers Board is looking at possibly improving Baseball Field 2 to relieve some of the stress on the baseball fields. Knutson also questioned the status of the Sewer Line from the Jordan Waste Water Treatment Plant heading West which depending on the decision of the line could potentially allow for the City to construct an additional baseball field for younger players.

Commissioner Boncher raised a few questions about the Park Chapter from the Comprehensive Plan that was handed out at the last meeting. He indicated that within the Chapter the Sawmill Trail segment which runs under Highway 21 is listed as proposed and he had thought the trail was complete. Mr. Janish noted the Comprehensive Plan was completed over several years and is still going through the formal adoption by the Metropolitan Council which may lead to some items become out of date but would look into changing the information.

Commissioner Boncher also questioned listing the School Facilities within the Park Chapter and listing bathroom facilities when the Schools probably would not allow for the general public into

the school to use the facilities. Mr. Janish indicated the School District was provided three copies of the Comprehensive Plan and no comments were received however staff would look into the inclusion of the facilities.

Commissioner Boncher also questioned some of the proposed changes as identified on page 23 of the Park Chapter. He specifically noted the proposed new concession stand and grandstand at the Mini-Met. Mr. Janish indicated the proposed changes were done through a survey of the Park and Recreation Commission members, and someone probably included the information which was incorporated in the Park Chapter. Mr. Janish stated he would express this concern and others to the consultant that drafted the plan and see what could be done.

Commissioner Boncher also noted he did not see language about the railroad tie wall along Sand Creek which appears to be in poor condition which probably should be changed over to a chain link fence. Chair Langsweirdt noted the former wall was a chain link and actually replaced by the railroad wall which appears to be in better condition than the former chain link one.

Commissioner Boncher noted the City Website has not yet been updated with the Park and Recreation Commission member's names and should be done so. Mr. Janish indicated this would be completed.

Commissioner Knutson questioned if it would be possible to obtain recycling bins at Lagoon Park. Mr. Janish indicated he would pass the message onto the Public Works Director.

9.0 Adjournment.

Motion Bischke, seconded Glynn, to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish
Senior Planner