



**City of Jordan
Park and Recreation Commission
March 26, 2012**

Members Present: Chair Donna Breeggemann, Council Liaison Thom Boncher, David Hanson, Lance Schmitt, Tim Bischke, Margaret Knutson, Nancy Murray

Staff Present: Senior Planner Joe Janish

Others Present: Barb Hedstrom, Jon Moffit and spouse.

1.0 Call to Order.

Chair Breeggemann called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Adopt Agenda.

Janish noted that the Park and Recreation Commission may want to move agenda item 6B Commercial Club 100 Trees/Lagoon Park Shrub Plantings to follow item 4B Bridge from MNDOT Rest Stop to Sawmill Park since we have a Commercial Club Representative present. Council Liaison also noted he would like to add Item 6C Chili-Challenge.

Motion Boncher, seconded Hanson, to approve agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

3.0 Approval of Minutes.

A. February 23, 2012 Minutes

Motion Boncher seconded Hanson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

4.0 Presentations/Discussions.

A. Parkland sale Proposal to Property Owner – Jennifer Lane/Brentwood Park

Janish indicated that staff had been contacted by Jon Moffit who wishes to purchase 20 feet of property from the Brentwood Park in order to provide access to the rear portion of his property. Mr. Moffit would like to construct a “tuck under” style garage facing the rear of his property and would need the additional land in order to provide for access with vehicles.

Mr. Moffit handed out photos of the area and noted to his experience the area of park in question is not utilized by the general public with the exception of kids sledding in the winter. Mr. Moffit stated that the section of hill consists of a portion of his property.

Members questioned the legality of the sale, and Janish noted that during discussions with the City Attorney it would be possible for an individual to purchase the property because it was not

dedicated as parkland, it was acquired through a development agreement. Janish further noted that the funds received would be restricted to the Parkland Dedication account however, and could be used for the expansion or acquisition of future parkland.

Members discussed concern over establishing a precedent of selling property that is used for parkland and did not want individuals to start to buy up existing parkland. Other members noted they thought this was a unique situation and it would not establish a precedent and could be handled on individuals particular circumstances.

Motion Boncher, Seconded Bischke to approve the possible sale of 20 feet of Brentwood Park. Members voted with Boncher, Bischke, Knutson in favor and Hanson, Schmitt, Breeggemann, Murray opposed. Motion failed.

Members opposed noted concern with precedent of selling parkland to individual property owners. Members indicated to Mr. Moffit that this item will move forward to the Jordan City Council at its next meeting with a negative recommendation to the Jordan City Council.

B. Bridge from MNDOT Rest Stop to Sawmill Park – Jordan Commercial Club Representative

Tom Nikunen was present to discuss a concept that the Commercial Club developed of assisting with a grant through the Legacy Program in order to obtain funding for a bridge from Sawmill Park to the MNDOT Rest Stop.

Members discussed the concern of submitting a grant application for this bridge which could potentially conflict with a request for the 169 pedestrian crossing. Members noted that the 169 crossing would be much more favorable and would rather pursue that option instead of the Sawmill option.

Members questioned if this parcel would be a good spot for a dog park. Barb Hedstrom indicated that Scott County had looked at Dog Parks and found that 8.5 acres is recommended for a minimum.

Mr. Nikunen stated the Commercial Club would pursue a bench in the community and would be willing to provide a letter of support for a grant application for a 169 crossing.

(ITEM 6B was discussed next)

5.0 Old Business.

A. Project Updates

Members reviewed the update for projects.

Janish provided an overview of a conversation with Diane Langenbach from MNDOT related to a trail along Highway 282. Janish indicated that Diane was going to conduct some more background information but had concern with people walking in the turn lane along 282 and thought that others at MNDOT would have concerns as well.

B. 190th Trail Engineer Estimates

Janish reviewed a proposal from Bolton and Menk to review alternatives and provide for engineer estimates related to trail segment along 190th. Janish stated Bolton and Menk provide a not to exceed amount for review along 190th Street and also a not to exceed amount for “other” options. Janish also reviewed a map attempting to display alternatives within the area that included a segment along 185th Street, and two options cutting through the Timberline Industrial Park. Janish noted these are not the only alternatives but wanted the PRC to review any alternatives that they may think of and want to include within the study.

Janish also stated that the studies help staff obtain the information needed to apply for grant opportunities once they are available. Information related to costs and alignments are key components of grant applications and without the studies one is not able to take advantage of the opportunities they can provide.

Members discussed that 185th would not be worth evaluating at this time due to the roadway being gravel for a large section. Members indicated the other two sections may be worthwhile to review in order to show the public that several alternatives had been evaluated.

Motion Boncher, Seconded Hanson to recommend approval of a not to exceed amount of \$6,600 to evaluate the segment along 190th street, and two alternatives within the Timberline Business Park. Motion approved 6 to 1, with Bischke opposed.

C. Holzer Park Restroom Improvements

Janish noted that at the last meeting it was hoped staff would be able to provide some layouts for an ADA compliant restroom. Staff however discovered that the plan would have to be submitted to the State health department since the facility would be open to the public. This means that architectural restrooms would be drafted for state approval of the plumbing and review of ADA compliance. Janish reviewed the proposal from Bolton and Menk to provide services for the development of ADA complaint restrooms.

Members discussed that it is important to have ADA complaint restrooms at Holzer and also noted they would like to attempt to preserve an area for concessions.

Motion Boncher, Seconded Hanson to recommend approval of Bolton and Menk to provide services related to developing a floor plan for the restrooms with a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Motion approved 6-1 with Bischke opposed.

6.0 New Business.

A. Forestry Program

Janish provided an overview of the research conducted to tree programs. Janish noted a 118 page study conducted for the State of California that provided a great layout for developing a tree

program. Janish also provided an overview of a discussion with a tree forester from Apple Valley. The Apple Valley person noted that staffing and funding are very important to the tree program, and starting out a tree farm or raising trees is an intensive use of both labor and money.

Members indicated that resources such as the Arboretum or University of Minnesota may be a great resource for a program such as this.

Staff was asked to conduct further research in possible programs and funding cycles.

B. Commercial Club 100 Trees / Lagoon Park Shrub Plantings

Janish indicated that after the last PRC meeting he spoke with some members of the Commercial Club 100th Anniversary Committee and found that the bushes and trees already have locations. Janish noted the club is going to plant the bushes within Lagoon Park around the Gazebo in order to replace the existing bushes. The trees would be planted in a location that would allow for proper growth and maintenance until they are large enough to be moved.

Mr. Nikunen indicated that the commercial club is looking to have the plantings in one location in order to have folks spend a morning planting. Mr. Nikunen also noted that Public Works Director Bendzick was going to pull the existing bushes and have the site ready for plantings.

C. Chili-Challenge

Council Liaison Boncher indicated he would like to see a Chili-Challenge at Heimfest. Members indicated that this proposal should be first brought to the attention of the Heimfest Committee and the PRC and City should not sponsor an event of this nature.

7.0 Planners Report

A. PEI and Parkland Dedication Account Information

This information was reviewed by the Park and Recreation Commission.

8.0 Council Update.

Council Liaison Boncher indicated that the City Attorney had provided an update with the negotiations related to the Wexford Square Park Land Acquisition and was provided direction by the City Council.

Last month the City Council removed Valley View from the MSA designation routes.

9.0 Commissioner Report.

Commissioner Bischke asked that the individuals who planted the flowers at the Mini-Met entrance be notified prior to the start of construction so they can be moved and replanted after the bridge construction. Janish noted that the City Council did provide that direction to staff.

Commissioner Hanson noted that the Skate Park sign is not up and asked if it would be put up soon.

Commissioner Schmitt indicated that Eden Prairie provides markers for their parks and was wondering if the PRC has had a similar discussion in the past.

Commissioner Knutson commented that the PRC should start to look at funding sources for park development and noted that New Prague provides something like \$3.20 per resident.

10.0 Adjournment.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish