

**City of Jordan**  
**City Park and Recreation Commission**  
**October 24, 2005**

**Members present:** Chair Ron Beckman, Vice-Chair Jerry Langsweirdt, Ken Crane, Donna Breeggemann, Mayor Ron Jabs, and Willy Pauly

**Absent:** Chris Schwingler

**Staff present:** Joe Janish- City Planner; Crystal Foust- Planning Intern

**I. Call to Order.**

Chair Ron Beckman called the meeting to order at: 7:02 p.m.

**II. Approval of August 22, 2005 Meeting Minutes**

*Motion by Commissioner Langsweirdt, seconded by Crane to accept the minutes for the August 22, 2005 with the change mentioned. With all in favor, the motion passed.*

**III. Bathrooms in Lagoon Park—Ray Sandey**

Staff was approached by Ray Sandey on behalf of the Commercial Club to construct bathrooms on the South end of Lagoon Park. Planner Janish informed members that Ray Sandey was present tonight.

There are existing bathrooms in the north part of Lagoon Park. All of the shelters are located in the south. The Commercial Club holds meetings twice a year at the park. The Commercial Club voted to send Ray Sandey to see if there was an interest from the Park and Recreation Commission to pursue more research to construct a bathroom facility and possibly a kitchenette.

Commissioner Breeggemann asked if it would be feasible with plumbing and electric. Janish responded that there is sewer and water available in the area, and they may have to run an electric line out. Commissioner Breeggemann also asked if the current bathroom facility was ADA compatible. If it is not, this might be an opportunity to comply with a new facility and get grant money if there is any available.

Chair Beckman stated that the cost is something everyone wants to know.

Janish or Public Works Director Dave Bendzick can get a cost estimate. Bendzick also has plans for a bathroom facility from years ago.

Janish asked if the Commission was interested in looking at the options for a bathroom facility or a bathroom and kitchen facility. All would like to see a cost estimate with and without the kitchenette.

Commissioner Breeggemann asked what kind of kitchen facility the Commercial Club was looking at. Sandey responded that a basic kitchen would be needed with a 3 compartment sink, fridge, extra outlets, on-demand water heater, etc.

Commissioner Langsweirdt stated he is a little hesitant to put the facility just anywhere. Commissioner Crane agreed that the biggest problem is the location.

*Motion by Breeggemann, seconded by Langsweirdt to direct staff to investigate the cost, site, and former plan, and options for money including labor or donated supplies for a bathroom and/or bathroom and kitchenette facility in Lagoon Park. With all in favor, the motion passed.*

#### **IV. Skate Park Process**

The Park and Recreation Commission have considered building a skate park for several years. The Park and Recreation Commission has determined a site next to the hockey rink and also considered some of the general layouts of the site. City Planner Janish is proposing to set a timeline to keep moving forward with the plans to build a skate park next to the hockey rink.

Janish stated that Bendzick is planning to get the paving done for the parking lot. The asphalt plants close by Thanksgiving.

Mayor Jabs asked if the skate area will be flat. Janish replied that there will be some grading, but there will be some slope to drain the water.

The Commission discussed a plan to involve kids from the community and to have some order. Ray Sandey stated that the leadership class at the school could pick people.

Chair Beckman wanted to involve the kids earlier in the process and have them come to the January meeting. Janish will put an ad in the paper within the next week and get responses back before the November meeting. The Commission would like the applicants to fill out a simple questionnaire.

*Motion by Commissioner Langsweirdt, seconded by Breeggemann to move forward as stated in the timeline for the skate park with the modification to involve the students in the October/November months so they can participate in the January meeting. With all in favor, the motion passed.*

There are five companies that the Park and Recreation Commission can choose from. Commissioner Breeggemann stated that feedback from the students in January could help eliminate companies in February.

Mayor Jabs asked if the students were going to help choose the products and features or choose the company. The kids would help choose the features which could narrow the companies that would be applicable. The features also have to be reasonable with the amount of money the Commission wants to spend. Commissioner Breeggemann suggested that there could be a clause in the ad that stated that feedback is important and valuable however, the ultimate decision lies within the action by the City Council.

Commissioner Crane would not like to limit the number of students involved. The Commission will wait to see how many are interested.

#### **V. Park CIP 2006**

Staff is the in the process of working on a CIP for the City of Jordan. Staff has made changes as directed by the Commission at the last meeting. Additional recommendations made tonight at the meeting include:

- Commissioner Crane is not enthused about the trail around back perimeter of Lagoon Park. This item was postponed until 2008.
- The bench overlooking the falls is obstructed with trees. Janish will put in a request to Bendzick.
- The drinking foundation next to the existing bathroom facility should be fixed or removed if it doesn't work. Janish will get a recommendation from Bendzick.
- The item pave Mill Pond Drive Entrance to Lagoon Park (Rushmeyer Property) has been removed because it has already been completed.

- Commissioner Breeggemann would like to see money to go into Holzer Park to make it look better. Commissioner Beckman would like to see some trees planted to provide shade. Commissioner Breeggemann asked if any improvements have been done to the shelter. Janish replied that the shelter has been painted. Breeggemann and Beckman will visit Holzer Park on their own time and come back to the Commission with their list of improvements.

Janish asked the Commission if they were interested in having staff research park naming policies. Commissioner Crane stated he doesn't want to limit how we should name a park. Mayor Jabs stated that he would like the Park and Recreation Commission to review the name for the park and give a recommendation to the City Council.

*Motion by Breeggemann, seconded by Langsweirdt to recommend to the City Council to name the park located on Sawmill Road, Sawmill Park. With all in favor, the motion passed.*

*Motion by Jabs, seconded by Crane to direct staff to research park naming policies and recommend language for the Park and Recreation Commission to consider. With all in favor, the motion passed.*

## **VI. Other Business**

At the last Park and Recreation Commission, staff was directed to provide a section in the agenda to provide an update on the projects City Staff and the Park and Recreation Commission are working on.

- Park Commission Accounts—PEI Fund (Park Equipment and Improvement fee) The Builders Association is challenging a city on this fee assessed at the time of the building permit. Janish will provide an updated amount in this fund for the next meeting.
- The Commissioners discussed the swimming pool and the discussion that took place at the City Council meeting on October 17, 2005.
- Archery Range—Park and Recreation Commission has directed staff to hold off on further research. According to the existing ordinance, archery is not allowed within the City limits.
- School/City Baseball field—Bolton and Menk has volunteered their services to work on the Committee to design the field. According to Chair Beckman, the school is thinking about using the area for soccer fields instead.
- Draft Guidelines for the City of Jordan Advisory Boards—Janish has included the draft guidelines for the City of Jordan Advisory Boards from City Administrator Linda Waite-Smith in the packet. She will be at the November meeting for a discussion on the guidelines.
- Commercial Club—the Commercial Club has donated 5 Sugar Maple trees to Lagoon Park. Commissioner Crane requested that the Park and Recreation Commission send a letter of appreciation to them.

*Motion by Breeggemann, seconded by Jabs to send a letter of appreciation to the Commercial Club in recognition of the 5 Sugar Maple trees that were donated for Lagoon Park.*

## **VII. Adjournment**

*Motion by Crane, seconded by Breeggemann to adjourn the meeting. All in favor the October 24, 2005 meeting of the Park Board adjourned at 8:45 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Crystal Foust  
Planning Intern