

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF JORDAN
IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT
MARCH 25, 2019**

Present: Chair Donna Breeggemann, Nathan Warden, Amanda Schuh
Absent: Grant Tilus, Becky Brewster
Also Present: Lucinda Meyers, City Planner

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Breeggemann called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Schuh, second Warden to adopt the agenda as presented. Vote all ayes.
Motion carried.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 29, 2019

Motion by Warden, second Schuh to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

A. Dog Park Amenities

The Sand Creek Dog Park was established adjacent to Sawmill Road, the railroad and the creek in 2017. The initial buildout included fencing for over an acre of land, trash receptacles, and the bisecting of an existing trail. In 2018 the council approved construction of a shelter, similar to the Sawmill Park shelter, adjacent to the creek. The popularity of the park has brought feedback from users, including a desire for water, and amenities similar to those found in other dog parks such as hoops, tunnels, etc.

Motion Warden, second Schuh to recommend installation of water, and the following amenities: hoop, rover jump over, stepping paws, tunnel, dog walk obstacle. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

The commission is open to cost effective alternatives. Schuh noted that the water will also be consumed by trail users, noting that the trail is popular with joggers.

B. Park Rental Fees – Holzer Park

The school district has recently began charging rental fees for their facilities, including ball fields. In an effort toward consistency, the city is looking to do the same. Currently, the city charges a rental fee for the Mini Met Ball Park, but has not established a rental fee for Holzer Park. The council will be looking at implementing a rental fee for Holzer Park, consummate to the amount being charged by the school for similar fields. Staff requests input from the PRAC on the addition of this user fee to the 2019 fee schedule.

Chair Breeggemann stated that she is unhappy with the proposal because with added fees, tournament(s) are no longer financially lucrative for local organizations, which had previously functioned as fundraising opportunities. She believed that the Jordan Girls Fastpitch Association (JGFA) cancelled their tournament in response to these new costs. Breeggemann argued that the funds raised by the tournaments would help offset the costs of park maintenance, lower the barrier to entry for team members by keeping the fees low for all participants, and create player scholarships. Breeggemann indicated that if the fees go into effect, the organizations will no longer have an incentive to assist with park maintenance.

Breeggemann noted that the community-based programs reroofed the dugouts for all three (3) fields (gathered funds + performed labor), perform spring cleanup, contributed to the cost of redoing the backstops on fields 1 and 2. The use their own equipment to rake and chalk the infields, resent the bases with necessary, and clean up after themselves.

The commission discussed the fact that the programs are community-based, as opposed to club teams, and how they serve as feeders for the school's athletic program. The tournaments bring dollars to the community. What is the justification for the fee? What will the fee cover?

Commissioner Warden indicated that he has implemented park/facility user fee schedules for communities before. The process is very touchy, and conversations need to be had with both users and owners at the table. The process is important. The city should consider what is a fair way to arrive at an outcome together.

Breeggemann asked if the JGFA and the Jordan Area Youth Baseball Association (JAYBA) do not use the field, who will? The associations will be looking for other fundraising sources if the fee is approved by the council. They will not hold tournaments at Holzer.

Warden stated that it might be beneficial to look into what other cities do, how similar relationships are worked out.

Motion Warden, second Schuh to recommend tabling the ordinance until further research has been conducted and discussion amongst all stakeholders has taken place. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

C. Bench Donation at Mini Met Ball Park

The City has received a request for a bench donation at the Mini Met, to be installed in the new concrete seating area in left field.

Motion Schuh, second Warden to recommend approval of the proposed bench location. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

The commission discussed additional donation options, including benches and trees in Grassmann Park. Meyers indicated that there are three (3) remaining sites for bench donations in Lagoon Park at the Splash Pad. The Mini Met is filling up, with only a couple bench locations remaining.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.0 PLANNERS REPORT

A. Park Updates

Previously the commission considered reuse options for the old hockey rink in the mini-met. Meyers asked whether research on outdoor pickleball should be continued. The commission discussed the option of renting paddles and balls at the concession stand for those who may not have their own set. Meyers indicated that additional research will be prepared for the May meeting.

B. Next Meeting- May 28, 2019

7.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

Schuh commented that there are two (2) trails that may be receiving grant dollars for construction: 282 connecting downtown with the top of the bluff, and 190th street, connecting the Timberline subdivision with CR 9. Both trails are identified in the future trails map featured in the Comprehensive Plan.

Schuh inquired upon the history of community gardens in the city. Commissioner Warden responded that for 6-7 summers, Community Ed ran a program called “Summer of Service” which involved kids maintaining garden beds. The program ceased when the program manager resigned. The beds (6) are currently behind the middle school garage, not in use. Community Ed wanted to rent the beds for \$15.00/summer but had no interest. Three summers ago the school received a grant but due to lack of interest, ended up paying someone to take care of the plants.

Breeggemann indicated that a garden has been mentioned for the grassy lot between 4th and 6th streets, near St Paul's. No movement has been occurred.

8.0 COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT

Warden spoke with lagoon park hockey users who were very pleased with the new amenity, and wondered how the ice compared to the ice at the mini met rink this year. Stated he is excited about the possible new trail connections.

Breeggemann requested that staff look into funding from FEMA for repairs to Holzer field. Indicated she is concerned about the state of the field and would like to know when it will be open for use.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Schuh, second by Warden. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM

Tanya Velishek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Nikunen
City Administrator