

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF JORDAN
IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT
JANUARY 25, 2021**

Present: Donna Breeggemann, Grant Tilus, Becky Brewster, Matt Schmitt

Also Present: Ben Schneider, Planner; Reveen Needham, Planning Intern

Absent: Nathan Warden

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Breeggemann at 6:32pm.

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Brewster to adopt the agenda as presented. Second Breeggemann. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

3.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Chair

Motion by Brewster to elect Breeggemann as Chair. Second Tilus. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried 3-0-1.

B. Vice Chair

Motion by Brewster to elect Tilus as Vice Chair. Second Breeggemann. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried 3-0-1.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 23, 2020

Motion by Brewster, second Breeggemann to adopt minutes. Vote all ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

A. Sledding Hill Discussion

Schneider brings that this idea was brought up by Goebel to designate an official sledding hill and this is an exploratory discussion about possible features and locations. Breeggemann notes that Shakopee has one as well as Waconia. Brewster says that Henderson has one with a warming house. Breeggemann says the unofficial sledding hill is Ruppert's Park which used to be owned by MNDOT and is now multipurpose with an archery range. Tilus asks if there is lighting. Breeggemann replies no just the lights from the Highway 21 Bridge. Schmitt said Goebel suggested designated that one and looking at lights and a warming house. Breeggemann says Public Works might have a portable warming house. Brewster points out that it is right by the highway and that might have insurance implications. Breeggemann says there is a guardrail but a sign could be helpful as well and there is parking down below. Tilus suggests a sign to not sled below. Brewster says that in Henderson, there is a fence and signage to block off part of the hill that is not the official sledding hill. Tilus asks if there is any other City-owned land for possible locations. Breeggemann suggests asking Haas. Schneider has been asking staff and doesn't have any other good candidates right now unless there is a new development where a lot of fill is being

moved. Breeggemann says there is a little hill from Timberline Park down to the pond. Schmitt suggests using hay bales.

B. Skate Park Discussion

Schneider presents a request that was received about the Skate Park. Breeggemann says it is great to see an 8 year old write a letter and that when it was first designed, teenagers helped pick out the equipment. Schneider says there could be the possibility of relocating, resurfacing, rearranging or purchasing new equipment within the realm of the Tier 1 status. Breeggemann asks if the levees and flood work would impact the relocation to Lion's Park. Schneider replies that is a possibility. Breeggemann points out that the 169 construction would impact that location as well. Breeggemann suggests keeping this on the radar while construction work impacts Lion's Parks, noting that vandalized signs and noise are a consideration as well. Brewster says that Lion's Park would work with the nearby businesses and suggests looking at Grassmann Park. Breeggemann says moving to Grassmann would require a concrete pad. Brewster notes that with the plan to eventually move the Mini Met hockey rink, it could be moved there. Breeggemann suggests expanding onto the old rink location. Brewster asks if anyone has replied to the letter. Schneider says that Haas has been in contact with his mom. Brewster thinks the City should respond and keep them updated on the efforts. Tilus suggests in the short term fixing the screws and rearranging the equipment this spring for a new experience. Breeggemann asks Haas to rearrange and get price estimates for new items, possibly a half pipe although the one from Carver might be too tall. Tilus also suggests the trash and recycling cans would be easy to install and to look at getting a bench.

C. Sign Language Playground Panel

Schneider presents that this request was from Stier and that residents have requested an ASL alphabet feature to go into the new Timberline Playground. The quote is from the company installing the new equipment but we could look into others. Breeggemann asks if this is a big sticker for an open panel on the playground. Schneider replies it is a free-standing sign separate from the structure. Tilus asks if it is integrated into the existing equipment. Schneider replies this could be added after the equipment is installed to see how it could fit in. Breeggemann asks how long this could last, if it's a sticker it could peel or fade in the sun. Brewster asks if it's under warranty. Schneider is unsure if it is a sticker. Tilus thinks it wouldn't be very engaging if it's separate and would be better if it was integrated within the main structure. Schneider can look into integration with the new playground. Brewster notes that \$2,000 is expensive for a sticker. Tilus suggests too, if it is a sticker, we could order for cheaper. Breeggemann suggests asking Fast Signs to see if they could produce something similar. Tilus says there look to be better options for panels integrated into playgrounds.

D. Application for Commission- Becky Brewster

Tilus motions to re-appoint Brewster to the PRAC. Second Breeggemann. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried 3-0-1.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

A. Household Organics and Yard Waste Site

Needham presents that in the month since the site's rollout we've had almost 50 people sign up including 2 PRAC commissioners. Brewster asks if this will eliminate the curbside yard waste collection option or which is better. Needham replies that curbside collection is still an option, and the drop-off site is cheaper but the curbside may be more convenient.

Tilus asks how many people were predicted to sign up. Needham says that with the curbside organics collection there were less than 10 signed up so we already have more signups. Tilus

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suggests more outreach and marketing for the site in the spring as well as education. Needham replies that we are waiting for the invoices to finalize before seeing if there is leftover money from the grant to purchase bins for organics collection.

7.0 PLANNERS REPORT

A. General Updates

Schneider presents that the parkland dedication ordinance went to City Council for its first reading. Breeggemann asks if this is the Pieper Property land. Schneider clarifies this is the ordinance and not the development. The ordinance is changing to a flat 10% rate for land dedication and the cash-in-lieu remains the same. The next reading will be on Monday.

Schneider mentions that the City's ice rinks are all open now. Breeggemann noted that there was trash on Mill Pond, especially after the Skate event. Tilus pointed out that fishermen had damaged the rink with their equipment and the grooves in the ice are not good for skating.

Breeggemann suggests posting about littering on public waters and to see if public works checks for trash. Tilus says that it is difficult to walk down from the warming house to the Mill Pond rink for kids with skates on as the railings are too far apart to hold onto both and suggests bringing in railings or putting in steps. Breeggemann says there used to be timber steps and suggests asking Haas for a solution and maybe using mulch. Tilus asks if the City posted about the warming houses being open. Schneider replies yes and they are open 10am to 10pm. Tilus said the track on Mill Pond rink is nice, like Maple Grove has a skating path.

B. Next Meeting- March 22, 2021

8.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

Schmitt reports that the sledding hill was brought up recently at City Council by Goebel and that the updates to the parkland dedication ordinance are aimed on incentivizing parkland dedication over cash-in-lieu.

Breeggemann mentions that in the Master Parks Plan the land dedicated must be usable land. Schneider replies that the stipulation is in the City Code too.

9.0 COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT

Brewster welcomes Schmitt to the PRAC.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brewster, Second Schmitt to adjourn. Vote all ayes. Motion carried 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.