

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF JORDAN
IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT
MARCH 22, 2021**

Present: Donna Breeggemann, Nathan Warden, Matt Schmitt

Also Present: Ben Schneider, Planner; Reeve Needham, Planning Intern; Barb Hedstrom, Scott County Parks Advisory Commissioner; Nathan Moe, Scott County Parks Planner

Absent: Becky Brewster, Grant Tilus

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Breeggemann at 6:30pm.

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Warden to adopt the agenda as presented. Second Schmitt. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 25, 2021

Motion by Breeggemann, second Schmitt to adopt minutes. Vote all ayes, Warden abstains. Motion carried 2-0-1.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

A. Cleary Lake Regional Park Master Plan

Moe presents that the Scott County Parks and Trails are working on the Cleary Lake Master Plan with Three Rivers Park District. The last master plan was adopted in 1998 and has a 20 year horizon. Cleary Lake is a unique park as the majority of it is owned by Three Rivers but the tax base in Scott County pays for it. Right now, they are in the early phases of the engagement process. The goal is to continue the same functions and amenities while considering changing demographics, equitable access, and budgetary constraints. The primary service area is where 50% of frequent park users live. Starting in November 2020, a resident strategy team was assembled with all ages and residents from varying towns. This summer and fall will be the schematic design development with a final plan to be adopted in early 2022. Scott County is working with all affected agencies, communities in Scott County, and is working to target underrepresented groups. The website, Lets Talk Three Rivers, is an open forum for discussion. Moe asks for any feedback on what Jordan would like from Cleary Lake.

Warden comments that his family visits 3-4 times per year at any season, and the ability to rent skis was nice however it was difficult to schedule in advance. Moe replies that the recent boom in parks use due to COVID-19 may not continue in 5-10 years so it is a challenge to plan for.

B. Park Marketing Discussion

Schneider presents that while we have some updated maps, it has been a while since the parks flyers and brochures have been updated. He mentions doing a “Park of the week” on social media and a photo contest to generate interest and photos of the parks. Breeggemann suggests including survey link for each park of the week to provide input. Warden suggests asking residents for their favorite memories at the park. Breeggemann agrees the brochure is outdated and suggests

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including a picture of the new Timberline playground. Warden says that many do not know about the rentals available at Lagoon Park: the concession stand, paddleboards, shelters etc. and hopes the interest will increase with the new park shelter. Breeggemann suggests holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new shelter. Schmitt inquires about the parks inclusion on the City's website. Schneider replies that it is there however it is not user-friendly. Breeggemann agrees we need an updated website. Warden suggests positive memories for social media and to use the private survey to receive criticism/complaints.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

A. Skate Park Discussion

Schneider brings this item back for discussion, noting that we know have a timeline for the Creek Lane construction and the flood project will not impact Lions Park. Breeggemann asks about the potential hotel development at Clancy's. Schneider replies that proposal is no longer happening. Breeggemann is in favor of moving the Skate Park to Lions Park if possible. Schmitt agrees if it is within the budget. Schneider reports that because Lions Park is within the floodplain, it will likely require fill so he will look more into costs. Warden replies that it does get damp over there, and that there is no sidewalk and not much of a shoulder. Schneider replies that there will be a sidewalk constructed. Warden notes that it is a good spot for the skate park with high visibility. Breeggemann adds that the highway will mask any noise and asks if the Lions Park parking lot will be expanded. Schneider replies not at this time.

B. Holzer Park Playground Equipment

Schneider presents that there was need for play equipment for younger children and asks for input on features and engagement. Breeggemann suggests contacting the JBA and JGFA to forward onto the parents for their suggestions. The music features or activity panels would be good, but not a structure where a child could be hide. Schmitt agrees the little riders are popular.

C. Timberline Park Basketball Backstop

Schneider presents that basketballs in Timberline Park often roll down into the street and two solutions would be to install a net or install landscaping. Breeggemann suggests planting bushes along the sidewalk. Schmitt agrees and says three feet off the curb would suffice, as a net would likely break.

Breeggemann mentions that she saw the post about the basketball crank on the City's Facebook page and saw it was shared to the Timberline neighborhood group and the Jordan Moms Group.

6.0 PLANNERS REPORT

A. General Updates

Schneider mentions the Lagoon Park Shelter is being constructed. Needham mentions there is a new feature for parks on the website called "Parks Rx" and the graphics could be used for marketing purposes.

B. Next Meeting- May 24, 2021

7.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

Schmitt reports that the Dakota development would be nice although it is still being negotiated.

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8.0 COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT

Warden reports that it has been nice to walk around town and see people using the parks after a short winter season for ice.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Warden, Second Schmitt to adjourn. Vote all ayes. Motion carried 3-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.