

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF JORDAN  
IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT  
MAY 24, 2021**

**Present:** Donna Breeggemann, Becky Brewster, Grant Tilus

**Also Present:** Ben Schneider, Planner; Reeve Needham, Planning Intern

**Absent:** Nathan Warden, Matt Schmitt

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Breeggemann at 6:34pm.

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 22, 2021

**Motion by Breeggemann, second Brewster to adopt minutes. Vote all ayes. Motion carried 3-0.**

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks CIP Discussion

Schneider presents that the CIP is a wish list of parks projects for the future and right now the Commission can finalize the 2022 CIP and send it to Council for approval.

Breeggemann asks if there would be another master parks plan update. Schneider replies that there is no formal requirement or plan to update the master parks plan, unless directed to by the Commission. There will be the Parks chapter in the Comprehensive Plan, such as the one recently adopted in 2020.

Schneider presents that the 2021 CIP had Timberline Park and the Lagoon Park Shelter, which are both currently under construction. Schneider points out that the 282 Trail under 2022 is currently being constructed and funded by MnDOT. Breeggemann suggests looking at the connectors off the 282 Trail to Cedar Ridge and other developments. Brewster suggests adding the trail from the fairgrounds to town. Breeggemann agrees to add it to keep it on the radar and see if the County would fund or assist. Breeggemann suggests talking with MVEC or Xcel to see if they would donate labor/materials for the Holzer Park lighting. Tilus suggests redeveloping the Mini Met ice rink. Brewster agrees and says there will be more room if the skate park is moved. Breeggemann suggests looking at new map of Lions Park to see if there is room for Skate Park with the new road, possibly moving the horseshoes. Tilus agrees that the horseshoes could be moved to make best use of that space, with residents visiting Triangle Ln for food. Breeggemann comments that bathrooms in neighborhood parks have been discussed in the past, but not having bathrooms keeps them smaller. Tilus comments that portable restrooms are the most cost effective now. Grassmann Park, as a regional park, could have bathrooms for phase 2.

Breeggemann asks about the tree planting and parking lot at Bridle Creek, and is opposed to putting in parking in neighborhood parks. Schneider asks if the skate park relocation should be added to the CIP. Brewster suggests moving the Bridle Creek improvements to 2023 and add the Skate Park to 2022. Tilus mentions that the ice rink could be repurposed to a multi-use pavilion for live music, farmers market etc. with a band shell. Brewster asks if we should wait to add to the CIP until the idea is more fleshed out. Breeggemann suggests adding the redevelopment of the ice rink to 2024, and if phase 2 of Grassmann doesn't happen then, it could be moved up sooner.

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Schneider asks if the Holzer park playground equipment should be added to the CIP under 2022 with the rest of the Holzer park work. Breeggemann suggests moving up to fall 2021 so it's ready in the spring, as it's busy in the spring and summer. Schneider asks about the trail to Hillside, and suggests waiting until the roundabout is installed. Breeggemann agrees to coordinate with the roundabout and move to 2023. Brewster comments that more shade is needed at Sand Creek Dog Park. Tilus asks if there was a warming house for the sledding hill. Schneider replies there isn't additional one available. Breeggemann suggests adding a gazebo at Ruppert's Park in 2023.

**Motion by Brewster, second Tilus, to recommend approval of the Parks CIP as amended to City Council. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried 3-0.**

### B. Map Kiosks for Lagoon and Grassmann Parks

Schneider presents that this recommendation comes from the EDA, who want to install kiosks similar to the ones downtown at Lagoon Park and Grassmann Park. These parks draw in out-of-town visitors and this could draw visitors to frequent businesses in Jordan with the business directory map. Schneider asks Commissioners where the kiosks would best be located and if there is a suggestion for the other map, which shows parks and is outdated.

Brewster suggests making the map smaller and including more visual pictures. Tilus comments that most people don't use a map if they have addresses. Breeggemann agrees that one can type the address into google maps. Brewster suggests locating the kiosk at Grassmann Park in between the parking lot and the path. Schneider adds the parking lot might change with phase 2 of Grassmann Park. Breeggemann replies that the kiosk could be moved and that Lagoon Park could have two kiosks. Brewster comments that by the splash pad and shelter would be a good location. Breeggemann agrees one near the park shelter and bathrooms and then on the south side of the Park near the other shelter and suggests having the kiosks in before Heimatfest.

## 5.0 OLD BUSINESS

### A. Park Marketing

Schneider shows Commissioners the new parks website that Needham created. In addition, there will be an upcoming photo contest, the Jewel of Jordan, including a parks category. The State high school baseball tournament will be at the Mini Met and the City will have a handout featuring parks. Needham mentions that the Park of Week will be rolling out next week featuring all of the different parks.

## 6.0 PLANNERS REPORT

### A. General Updates

The playground has been removed at Timberline Park and the new one should be installed soon. The Lagoon Park Shelter should hopefully open by the first week of June. Schneider mentions that Public Works ordered bushes for the Timberline Park basketball backstop. The adjustable basketball hoops were tested, however they were damaged so the height will be locked again. Representative Craig met with Mayor Franklin and will be requesting funding for an underpass to connect Valley Green to Creek Lane near Lions Park. So far there have been 111 signups for the Household Organics and Yard Waste site.

### B. Next Meeting- July 26, 2021

## 7.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

## 8.0 COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT

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Tilus suggested a Movies at the Park, either at Lagoon Park or rotating to different parks. Breeggemann suggests that Community Education might have equipment and staff to do that. Breeggemann suggests cleaning out the gazebo at Pekarna's Park. Breeggemann mentions that Clean Up Day was busy and to consider both spring and fall dates.

### 9.0 ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Brewster, Second Tilus to adjourn. Vote all ayes. Motion carried 3-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.