City of Jordan  
Park and Recreation Commission  
October 26, 2009

Members Present: Chair Jerry Langsweirdt; Vice Chair Donna Breeggemann; Council Representative Mayor Ewals; Margaret Knutson; Thom Boncher; Tim Bischke; and John Glynn.

Staff Present: Senior Planner, Joe Janish

Others Present: Joanne Westphal, Jerry Westphal, Ron Jabs, Connie Jabs, Jim Schmidt, Joe Stocker,

1.0   Call to Order.

Chair Langsweirdt called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 5:34 pm.

2.0   Adopt Agenda.

Janish indicated that it may be appropriate to discuss the possible Disc Golf Course at Lagoon Park at the beginning of the meeting since residents are present at the meeting.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Glynn to adopt agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

3.0   Approval of Minutes.

A. September 28, 2009 Workshop Minutes  
Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Glynn to approve the September 28, 2009 Workshop Minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

B. September 28, 2009 Meeting Minutes  
Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Glynn to approve the September 28, 2009 Minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

4.0   Presentations/Discussions.

None.

5.0   Old Business.

A. Park Shelter Rentals.

Item was not discussed.

B. Project/Discussion Update.
Item was not discussed.

C. Disc Golf Course.

Senior Planner Janish noted that prior to this meeting a meeting was held with property owners surrounding areas for the possible Disc Golf Course. During this meeting residents walked portions of the Disc Golf course to see locations of throwing pads and baskets.

Joe Stocker noted that one of the baskets would be located in an area that was cleared for the dredging of the pond. This area had been stated to him that it would be replanted and not maintained. However since the dredging, the area has been maintained and people are using it to fish and are also walking across the small channel and utilizing people’s back yards for fishing spots. Stocker indicated with the installation of a Disc Golf Course the park would become over utilized, currently the park has seen much more use in past years with the improvements that have been made in the last few years.

Joanne Westphal indicated that a Disc Golf Course would be a good idea, but not in Lagoon Park. It was noted that the Disc Golf Course would not mesh well with the current activities that occur within the park.

Jerry Westphal indicated that the design for the Disc Golf Course would use every part of Lagoon Park and the park currently has a lot of activities that occur.

Ron Jabs noted he just walked a portion of the course prior to the meeting and the use could be overwhelming to Lagoon Park. Jabs also noted that the baskets are not really appealing for the park setting of Lagoon Park. Jabs noted a Disc Golf Course would be a wonderful thing but Lagoon Park is not the proper place and would create conflicts with the activities that currently take place within the park.

Jim Schmidt expressed concern with people trespassing onto private property to retrieve discs. Schmidt also noted that there have been security issues in the past in back areas of the park and the Disc Golf Course would encourage individuals to utilize the back areas. Schmidt also expressed concern with over utilizing the park and conflicts with existing activities.

Park and Recreation Commissioners held discussion about other locations for a possible disc golf course.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded Bischke to look into a possible disc golf course at Holzer Park. Motion unanimously approved.

6.0 New Business.

A. Name of Park.

Commissioner Glynn noted since some residents of the area are present would there be an interest in naming the piece of property between Rustle Road and Juergens Circle as Juergens Park.

After some discussion it was noted that neighbors currently reference it as “the Triangle” so perhaps a name of Juergens Triangle may be appropriate. Residents also noted that they are not interested in seeing any improvements to the property but would be acceptable of a name of Juergens Triangle.

Commissioners directed staff to bring this item back for consideration at a later date.
B. Master Parks and Trail Plan

Planning Consultant Joanne Foust provided a power point presentation related to developing a Master Park and Trail Plan. Foust indicated that as part of the Community Growth Options Plan a Master Park and Trail Plan had been identified to be developed for the City of Jordan. A Master Park and Trail Plan would take the Comp Plan Park, Trail & Recreation Chapter to the next level.

The process would include having guest speakers to provide up to date information on what other agencies are planning for parks and trails to ensure consistency with regional plans and avoid duplication of efforts and also inform Park and Recreation Commissioners of regional resources and plans.

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed how to obtain citizen input, sample survey questions, along with contents of the Master Park Plan.

Commissioners noted that it may be appropriate to not only hear from staff of other agencies but also elected individuals from the communities as well. It was also noted that individuals from other organizations should be invited and members from the other City Commissions.

7.0 Planners Report.

The Commission acknowledged the information regarding the Park Equipment Improvement Fund and the Park Dedication Fund.

8.0 Commissioner Report.

Ewals noted that Scott County is reviewing information about a possible gravel pit operation outside of City limits along Valley View Drive and if the gravel operations opens it will cause connectivity issues with the Jordan Community.

9.0 Adjournment.

Motion Knutson, seconded Breeggemann, to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish
Senior Planner