



**City of Jordan  
Park and Recreation Commission  
June 22, 2009**

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

**Staff Present:** Senior Planner, Joe Janish

**Others Present:** Joanne Westphal, 219A Juergens Circle; Bev Juergens, 129 Juergens Drive; Joe Stocker, 219 Juergens Circle; Mark Ruggeberg, 211 Rustle Road; Carol Tillman, 205 Rustle Road; Mark Ballard, 207 Rustle Road; David Morales 108 Rustle Road.

**1.0 Call to Order.**

*Chair Langsweirdt called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:02 pm.*

**2.0 Adopt Agenda.**

*Motion Glynn, seconded by Knutson to adopt agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.*

**3.0 Approval of Minutes.**

Commissioner Breeggemann noted a three spelling corrections.

*Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Glynn to approve the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 minutes as amended. Motion unanimously approved.*

**4.0 Presentations/Discussions.**

**A. Rustle Road/Juergens Circle Lot.**

Chair Langsweirdt indicated to the residents present that the Park and Recreation Commission was thinking of possibly making improvements to this area if the residents had an interest in seeing some type of improvements.

Residents questioned the type of changes that are being proposed and Chair Langsweirdt noted that nothing is formal but the Park and Recreation Commission is thinking a small playground or park bench for the area residents to use.

Residents indicated the current lot is used for neighborhood picnics, National Night Out, and a bus stop. Carol Tillman expressed concern if a playground is installed due to safety of the children. Residents also noted that Ray and Bev Juergens had provided the park space.

Senior Planner Janish noted he had received an email from one resident that would like to see an improvement to the lot while he also received a phone call from a resident in the area that preferred not to see additional improvements.

Resident's consensus was to not provide improvements to the area.

*Motion Breeggemann, seconded Boncher to not make any additional improvements at this time and to keep open the possibility of installing a memorial bench in the future. Motion unanimously approved.*

## 5.0 Old Business.

### A. Past Projects/Discussion Updates

**Bike Routes:** Mr. Janish indicated that the City Council has invited the area residents to the July 6<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to determine the residents concerns if any, about signing Hillside as "No Parking."

**Fishing Pier:** Janish informed the Park and Recreation Commission that Public Works is waiting for two additional boxes of parts to arrive which were discovered to not have been shipped with the other supplies.

**Possible Basketball Court Donation:** Mr. Janish noted that staff has not fully researched this item at this time and is working to locate alternatives for the placement of the court and will report back at a later time.

**Flag Pole at Log Cabin:** Staff noted that one of the individuals involved with this project lost a family member and staff is going to wait a little while longer before making contact.

**Disc Golf Park:** Mr. Janish noted that a drawing of Lagoon Park had been sent off to a person who designs these type of facilities and so far it sounds as though a 9 hole or possible 18 hole course, played backwards could work at the site. The designer is going to get back in touch with staff after looking at the site through Google earth.

Commissioners discussed their interest in having the disc course utilize the Rushmeyer property.

**Park Tour:** Staff was directed to attempt to find transportation to visit the parks at the next meeting. Suggestions included talking with the Bus Company and Scott County. The intent would be to meet for 1 hour prior to the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting.

**Priorities:** Staff noted that the first workshop was held prior to the beginning of this meeting.

**Master Park and Trail Plan:** Mr. Janish noted that funding has been allocated as part of the Community Growth Options Grant to develop a Master Park and Trail Plan for the City of Jordan starting in 2010 with an expected completion at the end of 2010.

### B. Adopt a Planter Program.

Janish provided an agreement and a handout for the "Adopt a Planter Program" for the Park and Recreation to review. Comments included changes to the introduction paragraph to remove statements about the physical and mental benefits to gardening, expansion of the program to include flower beds, include language for organizations to adopt the areas, and creation of a suggested plant list.

Staff was directed to provide a revised program and agreement at the next meeting.

## 6.0 New Business.

None.

## **7.0 Planners Report.**

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

## **8.0 Commissioner Report.**

Commissioner Bischke indicated he would like to see specific project management timelines for each project that is currently being worked on.

Commissioner Boncher noted the foul posts at Holzer Park could use some work.

Commissioner Breeggemann noted the bleachers at Holzer Park are too close to the trees and children are hanging on them. The wood base of the backstop could use some repair or replacement. Some of the locks on the women bathroom stalls in Lagoon Park are broken. Breeggemann also noted it would be nice for the City of Jordan to begin to try to reduce impervious surface with bio-ponds and rain gardens and possible use pervious pavers.

Mayor Ewals commented the sign to Lagoon Park could use some repainting and would be willing to do the work if paint was provided. Mayor Ewals also noted he attended a Community Growth Options meeting and thought it was interesting and noted the speaker was discussing subdivisions should be designed like a golf course community in which the course is laid out prior to the housing lots.

Commissioner Knutson noted that the City should consider installing recycle bins in the parks. Knutson also noted it would be nice to have a list of members on the Park and Recreation Commission along with phone numbers and emails.

Commissioner Boncher noted as the Park and Recreation Commission reviews long term and short term goals it is important to take care of what we have now and the commission needs to determine which goals to achieve first and which to complete last otherwise there is no point in dreaming about other areas and projects.

Chair Langsweirdt questioned if staff had discussions with the Pauly family about a possible bench. Janish noted that the family has not approached the City.

## **9.0 Adjournment.**

*Motion Boncher, seconded Bischke, to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 8:36 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish  
Senior Planner