

**City of Eureka
Park Board Minutes
January 12, 2010**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Moore at 7:00 p.m.

Park Board Members Present: Gianino, Hoskins, Jarvis, Jennemann, Kaiser, Lenzen, Moore, Pearce, Rechtien and Thurman.

Not Present: Chambers.

Also in attendance were Parks and Recreation Coordinator Rathmann, Alderman Sir and City Administrator Sabo.

Act on Minutes of December 8, 2009:

Gianino made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. Hoskins seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Guests: No guests were present.

Old Business:

(A) Programs Report

The report was included in the meeting packet (see attachment).

(1) Summer Camp 2010 Brochure

Rathmann stated that Christenson was working on an updated summer camp brochure.

Christenson stated that in years past, the brochure cost \$0.52 per piece including mailing and that the new brochure would cost \$0.79 per piece including mailing. She added that last year 1,200 copies were purchased and this year, 2,000 pieces would be purchased. She passed out copies of brochures used in the past as well as a sample of the brochure for this year.

(B) Events Report

The report was included in the meeting packet (see attachment).

(1) July 4th Celebration

Rathmann recommended utilizing the band Hollywood 5 for the July 4th Celebration. All were in agreement.

(2) Pizza With Santa

Moore stated that the event was great. She added that decreasing the time of the event would be a good idea for the 2010 event.

Gianino stated that it was easier to move around.

Moore stated that too much pizza was ordered and staff would reduce the amount ordered next year.

Gianino asked as to the percentage of ticket holders who came to the event.

Moore stated that she thought about 90% attended. She added that a Girl Scout who was earning her Silver Award took care of all of the food that was donated.

Rathmann stated that the 2010 event would also have two dates.

(3) Daddy-Daughter Dance Volunteers

A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed.

(C) Trails Master Plan Committee Report

(1) Legion to Route 66 Trail

Rathmann stated that the Trails Master Plan Committee did not meet in December. She added that their next meeting was to be held on January 27th. She stated that she met with Dave Ellerman from Intuition and Logic and Bob Wade to discuss the alignment of the trail. She added that the City received a grant from the Great Rivers Greenway for \$100,000.00 to fund this project.

(2) Drewel Park Amenities

Rathmann stated that a grant was received from the Municipal Parks Grant Commission to fund this project. She added that she would have a preliminary concept plan at the February meeting. She stated that ADA compliance was important to the design of this plan.

(3) Forby Road Park Update

Rathmann informed the Board that a final plan would be presented at the January 19th Board of Aldermen meeting for approval.

New Business:

(1) 2010 Projects

Rathmann asked the Board for suggestions for budget requests for the next fiscal year.

Hoskins suggested extending a trail or sidewalk from Central Avenue to 5th Street to integrate the Forby Trail to downtown Eureka. He added that Mayor Coffey was supportive of this idea. Hoskins also stated that, as discussed at past meetings, he would like to see a splash pad installed at one of the parks to act as an interim for a City pool. He also suggested a winter trout program in which the City would purchase rainbow trout for the Hilltop Lake. He stated that the program was catch and release during the months of January through March and then after March it was catch and keep. He added that there were several of these lakes in St. Louis County.

Gianino suggested fixing up the swing area at Bowlby Park. She added that the area could be landscaped. Gianino added that there was an area on Augustine Road where cars drive off the road and into the grass. She added that if landscaping or boulders were added they would prevent this from occurring.

Financial Report: The revenue for the month was \$2,786.00. The expenditures for the month were \$5,142.12.

Report on Parks:

Bowlby

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Legion

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Lions

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Drewel

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Kircher

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Hilltop

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Hoskins stated that some residents were on the frozen lake.

Rathmann stated that she would look into getting signage.

Jarvis stated that the legal recommendation would be to get signage that stated that no one was to be on the lake when it was frozen.

Forby Road Nature Trail

It was reported that the trail was in acceptable condition.

Upcoming Meetings:

February 9, 2010

March 9, 2010

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Rechten, seconded by Jennemann and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson
Program Coordinator