

**City of Eureka**  
**Park Board Minutes**  
**April 12, 2011**

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

**Park Board Members Present:** Chambers, Gianino, Hoskins, Jarvis, Jennemann, Kaiser, Moore, Pearce, Rechten and Thurman.

Also in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Rathmann, Mayor Coffey, Alderman Sir and City Administrator Sabo.

**Act on Minutes of March 8, 2011:**

Rechten made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. Kaiser 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) New Programs**

A list of new programs was distributed to the Board.

**(B) Events Report**

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

**(1) Easter Egg Hunt Feedback**

Rathmann stated that the kid's Easter event was very successful at Drewel Park. She added that registration was at the trailhead in Legion Park and there were books for the children to read along the trail.

Moore suggested having a parade of kids with the Easter Bunny from the trailhead to the park. She added that many people walked to the park from the Shaw's Garden Subdivision. She suggested having a separate registration table for those participants.

Gianino stated that she agreed that there should be three age groups (0 – 2, 3 – 6 and 7 – 12). She added that the 0 – 4 age group was too big of an age gap.

Rechten stated that volunteers should park at Drewel Park. She added that there needs to be three tables available for the prizes.

Moore stated that more volunteers were needed for this event due to the added activities. She added that more eggs were needed for the Adult Egg Hunt.

Gianino asked about holding the Adult Egg Hunt event outdoors.

Rathmann stated that the event was held outdoors for a couple of years but that it was moved indoors due to inclement weather.

Moore suggested holding the event at the Legion Pavilion and using the Community Center as a backup in the case of inclement weather.

Rechtien suggested holding the hunt later in the evening so that participants enjoy the band instead of leaving directly after the hunt.

**(2) Park Beautification Day**

A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed.

Rathmann stated that this event would be held on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Legion Park. She added that the caboose, memorial garden and Community Center would be landscaped. She informed the Board that the City has hired a landscaping specialist who would be developing a plan for these areas. She added that a Boy Scout would be assisting with the caboose landscaping as part of his service project.

**(3) Middle School Dance**

A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed.

Rathmann stated that this event would be held on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. She added that male volunteers were needed for this event.

**(4) Concerts on Central**

A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed.

Rathmann informed the Board that this event would be held on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. She stated that shirts and buttons have been ordered to promote this event and that employees at Schnucks would be wearing these items as well to promote City events.

**(5) Berry Park Opening**

A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed.

Rathmann stated that this event would be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 14<sup>th</sup>. She added that the event would feature music, a complimentary lunch and children's activities.

Gianino asked if a barrier would be placed between the pavilion and the road.

Rathmann stated that there was discussion about installing a fence of some type but that it would be best to wait until after the Forby Road Improvement Project. Rathmann added that there are some run off issues in the green space and these areas would be regraded and seeded. Rathmann stated that the swing set footings were damaged and had to be reinstalled. She added that a tot swing and ADA swing would be added.

Moore asked the trail length.

Rathmann stated that the trail was 1/3 of a mile. She stated that large vehicles are not allowed on the parking lot because they damage the pervious pavement. She informed the Park Board that if they witnessed any large vehicles on the lot to call Parks and Recreation staff or the Eureka Police immediately.

Gianino asked when the restrooms at Berry Park would be open.

Rathmann stated that the goal is May 1. She added that all the other park restrooms were now open.

**(6) St. Louis Live Steamers Opening**

Rathmann informed the Board that the St. Louis Live Steamer’s first public run would take place on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

**(A) Recreation Center**

Rathmann stated that the Board of Aldermen approved the architect, Hastings and Chivetta. She added that the Recreation Center Committee would be meeting in the next month.

**(B) Facebook**

Rathmann informed the Board that the Department created a Facebook page.

Moore stated that an Easter Egg Hunt participant found out about the event through the Facebook page.

**(C) Hilltop Lake Fishing**

Moore stated that bass and bluegill would be added to the lake and that the summer session would allow “catch and release” only. She added that sunfish would also be added to control worms and would be food for the bass and bluegill. Moore stated that the fishery suggested a fish food machine. She added that the delivery would take place in mid-May and that it would take place along with another lake to decrease delivery costs.

Chambers asked if there were scavengers in the lake to prevent scum on the lake.

Hoskins stated that there were turtles that would take care of that issue.

Moore stated that the winter trout program was very successful.

Sir stated that there has been a lot of activity, but was not overly crowded.

**(D) Safe Routes to School**

Rathmann informed the Board that the surveying will begin on April 18.

Hoskins asked about the timeline for the Legion Park to Route 66 State Park trail.

Rathmann informed the Board that she was awaiting approval from the Corps of Engineers and then the project would be submitted to MoDOT for approval.

Rechtien asked the path of the Safe Routes to School Trail.

Rathmann stated that it would travel from the Legends Subdivision to the Shaw’s Garden Subdivision.

**Financial Report:** The revenue for the month was \$11,817.00. The expenditures for the month were \$11,371.82.

**Report on Parks:**

**Bowlby**

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Gianino asked when the swing would be replaced.

Rathmann stated that staff would order one on Wednesday.

**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.

**Forby Road Nature Trail**

It was reported that the trail was in acceptable condition.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

May 10, 2011

June 14, 2011

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Rechten, seconded by Kaiser and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson  
Program Coordinator