

**City of Eureka
Park Board Minutes
May 10, 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 and Thurman.

Not Present: Rechten

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

Act on Minutes of April 12, 2011:

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

Chambers announced his resignation from the Board due to personal obligations.

Guests: No guests were present.

Old Business:

(A) Programs Report

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

(B) Events Report

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

(1) Berry Park Opening

Rathmann reported that the event was a success and over 350 people were in attendance. Several Board members commented on how pleased they were with the park.

Kaiser stated that the tree dedication signs were a great addition to the park.

(2) Art in the Park

A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed.

Christenson stated that the event would feature hands-on art projects for children. She added that Kindermusik, Art By Grzyb, the Girl Scouts, the Eureka Project, Creative Expressions and the St. Louis County Library would all have projects for the children as well.

Thurman asked if the Eureka Arts Council was involved in the event.

Christenson reported that she had contacted them, but they were not interested in participating.

(3) Summer Celebration

A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed.

(C) Safe Routes to School Update

Rathmann informed the Board that the aerials were completed and GPS locates had been completed on both the utilities and property stakes. She added that a grant required meeting will be held with residents to discuss the findings and the best route for the sidewalks. She said that she would be contacting residents with the meeting date as soon as it was scheduled.

(D) Recreation Center Update

Rathmann stated that Ballard and King is currently performing a market analysis to determine demographics, recommended size of the center, budget, staffing, programs, etc. She added that once the information was complete, a Recreation Center Committee meeting would be held and the findings presented.

(E) Legion to Route 66 Trail Update

Rathmann informed the Board that MoDOT had approved preliminary plans for the trail project. She added that MoDOT had requested revisions to the plans and that she had passed them along to the project engineer. Rathmann stated that the next step in the process was to submit acquired easement documents to MoDOT for approval.

New Business:

(A) Batting Tunnels

Rathmann informed the Board that the batting tunnels were completed. She stated that one of the tunnels would be permitted and the other would be available on a first come, first served basis.

Gianino suggested a backstop or tarp to stop balls from hitting the nets.

Rathmann added that signage would be erected on the tunnels stating the rules.

Rathmann informed the Board that the City was awarded the Tree City USA award for the sixth year.

Rathmann stated that Kayla Stoverink would be resigning in June and that the City was accepting applications for the position of Recreation Program Coordinator. A full job description is available on the City's website.

Rathmann reported that Bass, Bluegill and minnows had been delivered to Hilltop Lake. She added that the fish are available on a catch and release basis only.

Moore added that another load of minnows might be added to the lake later in the summer as they are food for the Bass and Bluegill.

Gianino asked when the catch and release period would be over.

Moore stated that catch and release would continue until March 1st. She added that trout would be added to the lake in November. She stated that the Bass and Bluegill would be available for catch and keep next year after they have had time to grow.

Rathmann stated that the ADA swing at Drewel Park had been replaced. She added that an ADA swing has been ordered for Berry Park. Rathmann added that she is exploring possible solutions to the tiles that were pulling away from each other at Bowlby Park.

Financial Report: The revenue for the month was \$5,352.00. The expenditures for the month were \$3,057.54.

Report on Parks:

Berry	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.
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.
Forby Road Nature Trail	It was reported that the trail was in acceptable condition.

Upcoming Meetings:

June 14, 2011

July 12, 2011

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Kaiser, seconded by Jennemann and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson
Program Coordinator