

City of Eureka
Park Board Minutes
July 12, 2011

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

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

Not Present: Gianino.

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

Act on Minutes of June 14, 2011:

Rechten made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. Jennemann 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).

(B) Events Report

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

(1) July 4th Celebration Review

Rechten stated that it was difficult to see the fireworks at some locations within the park.

Rathmann informed the Board that due to fallout from the fireworks, they were required to be discharged from Drewel Park. She added that she felt the show seemed slow.

Sir stated that he heard positive comments that the fireworks didn't seem as loud this year since they were discharged from Drewel Park.

Rechten stated that the band and the music during the fireworks were both very well received.

Thurman stated that the children's area seemed very hot and crowded.

Rechten suggested putting fans in the children's area.

Moore suggested making the area larger by using the City's event tent. She stated that the Lion's Club ran out of food at the event. Moore added that she heard several comments that people were asking for beer.

Thurman stated that she didn't want to see beer being sold at the event.

Moore stated that the event was designed to be for families.

Sabo stated that Mayor Coffey recently reaffirmed to him that the event should remain a family event with a low cost for residents.

Rechten stated that handing out balloons went over well.

(C) Safe Routes to School Update

Rathmann informed the Board that Conoco Phillips did not approve of building the trail on top of the pipeline running from Hill Drive to Bald Hill Road in Legion Park. She added that the trail would most likely need to be realigned closer to the baseball fields. Rathmann stated that the Trail Committee would be looking at that area at their next meeting on July 27th. She added that some Conoco Phillips signage would need to be moved as well.

(D) Recreation Center Update

Rathmann stated that the preliminary market analysis was presented to the Board of Aldermen. She added that Hastings and Chivetta will be releasing an RFP for both the pool consultant and a civil engineer in the upcoming weeks.

(E) Legion to Route 66 Trail Update

Rathmann informed the Board that she is waiting on The Corps of Engineer's approval to proceed with the project. She added that she has requested an extension.

New Business:

(A) Proposed Park Dedication – Rock Tree Estates Subdivision on Hunters Ford Road

John Devine presented the Board with plans for a proposed residential development to be known as the Rock Tree Estates Subdivision. He stated that the subdivision would consist of six (6) three 3-acre lots. He added that due to the R-1 zoning, a 6% land dedication must be gifted to the City. Devine asked that a fee be paid in lieu of the land dedication.

Kaiser asked if land was dedicated where it would be located.

Devine stated that the City code requires that 50% of the land being donated be at less than a 10% grade. He added that there is very little land on the property that is less than a 10% grade and wouldn't meet the requirement.

Hoskins expressed concern that the residents would not have access to any green space.

Devine stated that there are trail and park areas being developed near Greensfelder State Park.

Jarvis stated that the Great Rivers Greenway was building a trail.

Devine stated that the lots would essentially be like small parks due to their size.

Hoskins stated that the money could be used towards the Recreation Center project.

Jarvis asked what the cash value would be.

Sabo stated that the fee would be a mutually agreed upon price based on the fair market value for the land.

Jarvis made a motion to accept the fee in lieu of the land. Pearce seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

(B) New Staff Member Introduction

Rathmann introduced the new Program Coordinator Michael Biedenstein.

Rathmann asked the Board for volunteers for the Concert on Central on Friday, July 15th.

Financial Report: The revenue for the month was \$8,671.00. The expenditures for the month were \$10,066.38.

Report on Parks:

Berry

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition. Hoskins stated that he received a complaint about dirt on the parking lot from the construction work. He added that he checked on the complaint and didn't notice an issue. He asked when the hay bales would be removed.

Rathmann stated that she would have the hay bales removed shortly. She informed the Board that there were plans to erect a fence between the playground and Forby Road once the street project was complete.

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 there have been complaints from the Hilltop Home Owners Association regarding issues at Hilltop Park. He added that if residents see issues at the park or pool, they should call the Eureka Police Department. He stated that the aeration system was currently being installed.

Forby Road Nature Trail

It was reported that the trail was in acceptable condition.

Upcoming Meetings:

August 9, 2011

September 13, 2011

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Rechten, seconded by Kaiser and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson
Program Coordinator