

**City of Eureka
Park Board Minutes
September 13, 2011**

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

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

Not Present: Jennemann.

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

Act on Minutes of July 12, 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).

Moore reported that the first senior bus trip was a success with 20 seniors in attendance. She added that the next bus trip was scheduled for December 1, 2011 to Our Lady of the Snows.

(B) Events Report

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

(1) Eureka Days Review

Gianino stated that the ride setup was very successful this year.

Rathmann informed the Board that she was concerned with the teenagers wandering into Drewel Park during the carnival and vandalizing it, but there were no reported incidents.

Gianino stated that the Well Hungarians were very well received.

Rathmann stated that there was discussion regarding moving the car show to the July 4th Celebration due to the logistical challenges it faced at Eureka Days.

Rechten agreed and added that it is very difficult to prevent fairgoers from parking at Geggie Elementary School in order to save spaces for car show participants.

Moore added that the Community Center parking lot was not used during the July 4th Celebration and that there would be more staff available to run the car show at this event.

Sir stated that the Funds for Foods Car Show is scheduled for June 23rd and that we could market the July 4th show at this and other summer events.

Gianino stated that the fireworks were great, but that she was a bit disappointed in the number of floats entered in the parade.

Rathmann informed the Board that staff would be attending other fairs to get new ideas for Eureka Days and encouraged the Board to do the same.

Christenson reported that there were 13 contestants at the Talent Expo and that she expects it to grow in the next couple of years.

(2) Harvest Moon Festival

Christenson informed the Board that the Harvest Moon Festival will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011. She reported that the event is planned as a combination of the Halloween Hoedown and Fall Festival events that were held in previous years. Christenson added that the event will feature children's activities from 1:00m - 5:00 p.m. including a performance by Bobaloo, games, crafts, trick-or-treating, costume contest and more. She stated that during the evening hours of 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. The event will be geared more towards adults and will include hayrides, a bonfire, live music, vendors and a pep rally in honor of the Eureka High School Senior Athletes in fall sports. The event is being held in conjunction with the Eureka Project, who will be sponsoring a 5K night run and book sale.

(3) West Frisco Park Grand Opening

Rathmann informed the Board that the West Frisco Park opening will be held on Friday, September 30, 2011 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The event will feature the band Pik'n Lik'n, children's activities and vendors.

(4) "Howl"oween Dog Event

Rathmann informed the Board that the "Howl"oween Dog Event will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2011 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Central Avenue. This event will be similar to the Mardi Growl Dog Parade.

(C) Safe Routes to School Update

Rathmann informed the Board that there were many challenges to the Safe Routes to School Project. She stated that Conoco Phillips had rejected the originally submitted trail plan due to the placement of the trail in relation to their pipeline. She added that she was still in negotiations with Conoco Phillips regarding other trail placement options.

Rathmann added that another challenge was the sidewalks through Shaws Garden. The cost estimates included in the original grant submission only included sidewalks between driveways. After surveying the property, it is evident that concrete sidewalks will need to be extended through driveways due to the various driveway materials. She added that in order to minimize future maintenance issues, a three foot apron must be added from the sidewalk to the street. These changes would significantly increase the cost of the project. Rathmann informed the Board that there has also been negative feedback from the residents of Shaws Garden with regard to the construction of sidewalks.

Rathmann continued that there was an equally challenging issue with sidewalks in front of Geggie Elementary School due to existing trees, school signage and AT&T construction. Rathmann informed the Board that she will be meeting with MoDOT on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 to discuss possible alternate routes that would stay within the guidelines of the grant.

Hoskins asked if the grant funding had to be used for that location.

Rathmann stated that she would be discussing all of the options with MoDOT at their meeting.

Rechtien stated that the Missouri Department of Transportation spoke with the Rockwood School District about this project and that Geggie Elementary School was chosen due to the proximity to the Shaws Garden Subdivision.

Rathmann stated that even if sidewalks were not placed in Shaws Garden, she still wanted to erect the pedestrian activated stoplight to offer children a safer way to travel across Bald Hill Road.

Rechtien stated that when the Missouri Department of Transportation talked to the Rockwood School District, they put an emphasis on adding sidewalks.

Moore added that the residents have stated that there are not many children who walk to school. She added that if the Rockwood School District cuts back on bus routes, as they have been discussing, all of the children in Shaws Garden would have to walk to school.

Hoskins stated that if the City could break up the grant, maybe the trail along Forby Road could be extended from Central Avenue to Blevin's Elementary.

(D) Recreation Center Update

Rathmann stated that SCI has begun the borings to produce a geotechnical survey. Rathmann added that the goal is to present the preliminary plans with cost estimates to the Board of Aldermen at their October 18, 2011 meeting.

(E) Legion to Route 66 Trail Update

Rathmann informed the Board that the Corps of Engineers has approved the revised 404 Permit and final plans have been submitted to MoDOT for approval.

New Business:

(A) Municipal Parks Grant

Rathmann informed the Board that another round of Municipal Parks Grants had become available. She added that she would like to apply for a grant to replace the Lions Park restrooms, concession stand and pavilion. Rathmann added that the restroom facility is falling apart and that the pavilion constantly floods during even moderate rainfall. She informed the Board that the Board of Aldermen has allocated funding to purchase a portable concession stand, but ESA has expressed great concern about such action as they rely on the City concession stand during both baseball and soccer seasons.

Jarvis stated that this area was part of the City's master plan. He suggested asking for the maximum amount that was allowed.

Hoskins suggested a restroom that could remain open all year.

Moore added that the restroom should be accessible.

Jarvis asked if the City had matching funds available.

Rathmann stated that matching funds would have to be approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Jarvis made a recommendation that a grant application be submitted to replace the restrooms, concession stand and pavilion at Lions Park.

Kaiser seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Financial Report: The revenue for the month was \$1,505.00. The expenditures for the month were \$5,598.05.

Report on Parks:

Berry

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Rathmann stated that she was aware of several dead plants in the park and that they would be addressed during the appropriate planting season.

Hoskins stated that the prairie area on the west side of the park needed to be mowed and weeded.

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:

October 11, 2011

November 8, 2011

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Rechten, seconded by Moore and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson
Program Coordinator