

**City of Eureka  
Park Board Minutes  
December 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, Rechten and Thurman.

**Not Present:** Jennemann and Pearce.

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

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

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

Thurman asked about posting flyers for the Middle School events at the local middle schools.

Moore stated that there was a miscommunication between staff and Rockwood School District. She added that the school district would place flyers in their kiosks, but would not distribute flyers to the students.

Rechten suggested having a spreadsheet of all of the past participants for the Middle School Events to make the registration process easier. She added that parents could double check that the information was correct instead of filling out the entire registration form.

Rathmann stated that staff would look into some options for registration. She added that she wanted to make sure the liability waivers were still being signed.

Christenson informed the Board that there were currently 15 participants registered for Winter Break Camp. She added that the program had been cancelled the last couple of years.

**(B) Events Report**

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

**(C) Pizza With Santa Evaluation**

Gianino stated that the event went well and that the decorations were great.

Christenson stated that 219 tickets were distributed for Friday and 202 tickets were used. 215 tickets were distributed for Saturday and 178 tickets were used. She stated that there were 56 people on the waiting list.

Rechten suggested offering a game like guess the number of candy canes like the City has done in years past.

Christenson stated that she would also like to provide placemats with games and

activities on the tables for the participants.

#### **(D) Recreation Center Update**

Rathmann informed the Board that plans for the Recreation Center were underway. She added that staff met with the pool and kitchen consultants last week. She said that the architects and staff started designing each room of the Recreation Center. Rathmann stated that her goal was to be able to review schematic design plans before the New Year. She added that she met with Midwest Pool Management and Westport Pools regarding pool management.

Hoskins stated that at the Recreation Center Committee meeting, it was discussed to include a child care room and to explore the feasibility of inclosing the outdoor pool in the future.

Rathmann stated that a babysitting room was included in the plans. She added that a new pool would have to be built due to the topography of the land. She added that utilities would not be placed in the area that could be used for a future pool. Rathmann stated that expanding the gymnasium or fitness area would be easier than expanding the pool area.

Hoskins stated that a lot of residents would be disappointed about not having an indoor pool. He recommended the City be prepared to explain why an indoor pool is not in the Recreation Center plans.

Sabo stated that the original plan was to include the Recreation Center with the JBA development. He added that JBA would have provided the City with a free pad ready site and that the development was to include a strip mall that would have been an additional revenue source. He stated that since the project was no longer connected with the JBA project the land had to be purchased and developed and that the revenue source was no longer a factor.

Moore stated that the cost of running an indoor pool was a determining factor as well.

Rechtien stated that the indoor pool at the Wildwood YMCA was not heavily used.

Jarvis added that having an indoor pool decreases the life span of a building. He added that the fad of having an indoor pool would wear off quickly.

Sir stated that an indoor pool would not be heavily used during the school year.

Rechtien asked about the hours of operation for the child care room at the Wildwood YMCA.

Rathmann stated that she had done some research regarding child care hours.

Gianino stated that she was under the impression that the Wildwood YMCA offered child care throughout the day.

#### **New Business:**

##### **(A) Holiday Tree Lighting**

Rathmann informed the Board that staff had been discussing new ideas for this event. She added that ideas included starting the event earlier in the afternoon, including vendors and ending the event with Santa and the lighting of the tree.

Hoskins stated that starting the event earlier would be better for families with children.

Jarvis asked if holding the event on Thanksgiving weekend helps or hurts the event.

Moore stated that the event was heavily attended and that holding the event that weekend neither helps nor hurts the attendance of the event.

Rathmann stated that many participants bring their out of town guests to the event.

Gianino stated that if the event were held any later in the year, it would conflict with Pizza With Santa.

Hoskins stated that the event was weather dependent.

Moore stated that the event still had a great turn-out when it was held inside.

Rechtien asked what would happen with the vendors if there was a weather issue.

Rathmann stated that the vendors would be made aware that it was a rain or shine event and that refunds would not be issued.

### **(B) Movie Nights/Concerts on Central**

Christenson recommended reducing the number of movies shown from six to four. She added that she would like to have activities for the children before the movies. Christenson stated that she would like to close City Hall Drive in front of City Hall and detour cars around the building. This would allow for the activities to be held on the street.

Hoskins asked if there would be an area in the Recreation Center to hold movies in case of inclement weather.

Rathmann stated that the gym would be available.

Hoskins added that the screen needs to be bigger.

Jarvis suggested renting a giant blow up screen with the money saved by offering less movies.

Hoskins suggested waiting on scheduling the movies until staff knew the weather forecast. He added that signage would have to be erected when a movie was scheduled to inform people.

Moore stated it would be difficult to schedule staff without a set date for the events.

Jarvis suggested moving the Movie Nights to Central Avenue. He added that the events held on Central Avenue seem to have the best attendance.

Sabo stated that a tarp could be hung from one of the buildings to show the movie off of.

Christenson stated that if the movies are held once a month, then a rain date could be scheduled as well.

Sabo asked if the City would provide seating.

Moore stated that participants would bring their own chairs or blankets as they do for the Concerts on Central.

**Financial Report:** The revenue for the month was \$6,097.80. The expenditures for the month were \$4,928.73.

### **Report on Parks:**

<b>Berry</b>	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.
<b>Bowlby</b>	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.
<b>Legion</b>	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.
<b>Lions</b>	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.
<b>Drewel</b>	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.
<b>Kircher</b>	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.
<b>Hilltop</b>	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.
<b>Forby Road Nature Trail</b>	It was reported that the trail was in acceptable condition.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

January 10, 2012

It was unanimously decided to cancel the February 14, 2012 meeting.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Rechten, seconded by Jarvis and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson  
Event Coordinator