

**Park Board Minutes**  
**February 10, 2015**

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

**Park Board Members Present:** Chairman Gianino, Jennemann, Pearce, Rechten, Thurman, and Walton. Also in attendance were Parks and Recreation Director Myers, Alderman Sir and City Administrator Sabo.

**Act on Minutes of January 13, 2015:**

Rechten made a motion that the minutes be accepted. It was unanimously approved.

**Guests:** No guests were present.

**Old Business:**

**(A) Programs Report**

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

Jennemann stated that the Daddy-Daughter dance went well. Myers stated that the department would like to consider holding it in the gym in 2016 to allow for additional participants.

**(B) Events Report**

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

**(C) Recreation Center Update**

Myers reported that The Timbers is up 24 memberships for the month, which brings it to 1,483 memberships to date.

Schedules for the aquatic program should be completed for the March meeting.

**(D) Spur Concession Stand Update**

Sir reported that Public Works was putting in the driveway around the building and continuing to work on the drainage ditch next to the building. He feels that they will be ready to turn the building over to the City at the end of March.

**New Business:**

**(A) Teen Events**

Myers reported that Schuh has a Task Force meeting set for February 19th, 7:00 p.m. at The Timbers. On the Task Force with him will be Thurman, Officer Jennifer Werges, Kelly Regan with Rockwood Outreach and possibly Kelly Lubker with the Eureka Chamber of Commerce. The goal during the first two (2) meetings is to outline their objectives and to identify several teenagers to help with the group.

**(B) ASA Softball**

Myers presented a memo and a cost comparison for the 2014 Adult Softball program and made a recommendation that the City join the Amateur Softball Association (ASA). In addition to cost savings, another advantage to joining ASA is that they would provide backup umpires in the case of an umpire calling in. In the past City staff have had to become last minute umpires when an umpire called in to say they could not make it. She stated that staff cannot be paid as independent contractors as well as employees. Thurman asked if ASA would hire and place the umpires we already have at our fields. Myers said that this would be the ideal situation, but ASA would provide other umpires as needed. Rechten commented that as a parent of a past scorekeeper, she could confirm that her daughter had to jump in several times to umpire. She also said that she has played in many leagues in other communities and no other community has scorekeepers as the umpire or the teams keep score. Myers said the Department will pay the \$60.00 ASA registration fees for the current umpires. Pearce stated that he felt the umpires would still have some out-of-pocket expenses to become certified as well as having to buy their own uniform. Gianino asked if the team fees would remain the same. Myers stated that they would. Walton said she wasn't sure she had enough information to be able to make an informed decision. Gianino encouraged the Board to move forward based on Schuh's recommendation. After additional discussion, Rechten made a motion for the department to engage in a contract with ASA. The motion was seconded by Walton. The vote was unanimous with Pearce abstaining.

**(C) Volunteer Opportunities**

Moore distributed a sign-up sheet for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

**Report on Parks:**

**Berry** - It was reported that the park is fine.

**Bowlby** - It was reported that the picnic tables needed to be moved off the playground.

**Drewel** - It was reported that the park is fine.

**Forby Road Nature Trail** - It was reported that the park is fine.

**Hilltop** - Moore reported that the lake was just restocked with trout.

**Kircher** - It was reported that the park is fine.

**Legion** - It was reported that the park is fine.

**Lions** - It was reported that the park was fine.

**Soetebier** - It was reported that the park is fine. Gianino asked if the City would be doing anything different with the parking lot. Myers stated that the lot would remain gravel.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

March 10, 2015

April 14, 2015

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Rechtien, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Ann Moore

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