

**City of Eureka  
Park Board Minutes  
April 14, 2015**

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

**Park Board Members Present:** Jennemann, Kaiser, Rechten, Thurman and Walton.

Not in attendance: Bantz, Chairman Gianino and Pearce.

Also in attendance were Recreation Supervisor Christenson, Alderman Sir and City Administrator Sabo.

**Act on Minutes of March 10, 2015:**

Kaiser made a motion that the minutes be accepted. 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).

**(C) Recreation Center Update**

Christenson reported that there was 1,514 memberships, which was an increase of 27 since last month.

Rechten asked if there had been a lot of inquiries regarding the pool.

Christenson stated that staff had been getting calls mostly regarding swimming lessons.

**(D) Spur Concession Stand Update**

Sir reported that the building was dedicated to the City on March 20. He added that it could be rented from the City for \$50.00 per day or \$100.00 for a three day weekend.

Sabo added that only Eureka-based civic, fraternal and charitable organizations could rent the stand.

Sir stated that signage was need to direct guests to the restrooms.

Kaiser asked if the groups would pay a deposit and be responsible for clean-up.

Christenson stated that a deposit was not required and that staff would be implementing a check-in/out system for groups who rented the building.

**New Business:**

**(A) The Arbors of Rockwood Subdivision Park Dedication Proposal**

Jeremy Roth and Jeff Schindler from McBride and Sons Homes and Mike Faulkner with Sterling Engineering were present to present the park dedication proposal.

Roth stated that the site was 291 acres and would include 528 home sites. He added that 13.3 acres would house a future elementary school. Roth stated that in order to meet the City's park dedication requirements, McBride and Sons would be dedicating some land to the City that would account for 1.19% of the total land and would develop private park areas that would account for 12.46%. He added this would meet the City requirement of at least 12% of land dedicated to park spaces. Roth stated that they would be dedicating a thirty (30) foot wide, one (1) mile long trail right-of way for future City trail development. He added that the private park areas would include 4,748 feet of asphalt trails, a lake and gazebo, a pavilion, a dog park and a scenic overlook. He stated that there would be 165 acres of common ground and the park amenities they have planned would account for 36.5 acres.

Rechtien asked if the trail would travel through private property or if residents would have to cut through any private property in order to gain access to any of the areas.

Roth stated that the trail would run adjacent to houses, but not through private property. He added that each destination location would have off-street parking to gain access to the area.

Rechtien stated that if the residents of the Ashton Woods Subdivision would be attending the proposed new school that as buses would not be safe traveling down the bridge in Allenton to get to the school, adding that perhaps they would take a different route.

Kaiser stated that he felt that due to the number of homes planned there was not enough park amenities.

Roth stated that \$500,000 would be spent on park amenities.

Walton asked if there would be any playground equipment at any of the locations.

Roth stated that there was not plans for any and that residents would be able to utilize the school's playground equipment.

Sir asked if Rockwood School District would be open to that.

Rechtien stated that the District does allow residents to use playground equipment at the schools but that athletics fields were required to be rented from the district.

Sir suggested instead of one (1) large pavilion to consider two (2) smaller pavilions.

Rechtien asked the price range of the homes and if the project would be phased in.

Schindler stated that they would range from the mid-\$100,000's to around \$500,000. He added that it would be built in phases and should take about five (5) years to complete.

Rechtien asked about the timeline for the school opening.

Roth stated that they were still in discussion with the district but would be running utilities to the site for the future.

Kaiser asked if the pavilion site would have water access.

Roth stated that it would just have electricity.

Kaiser motioned to approve the plans contingent upon the addition of a second pavilion and with Board of Aldermen approval. Jennemann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **(B) Easter Egg Hunt Review**

Walton stated that the times for each hunt should be publicized and that there should be less time in between the hunts. She added that the smaller children took the longest.

Christenson stated that times were publicized for each hunt.

Rechtien suggested starting with the older children first since they usually are finished faster than the younger children.

Jennemann stated that no dog signs should be displayed at the event.

### **(C) Volunteer Opportunities**

The volunteer opportunities list was distributed.

**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>Drewel</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.
<b>Hilltop</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>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>Soetebier</b>	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

May 12, 2015

June 9, 2015

Thurman stated that the Teen Committee would be meeting soon and that staff received six (6) applicants to join the committee.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson  
Recreation Supervisor