

**City of Eureka
Park Board Minutes
December 8, 2015**

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

Park Board Members Present: Bantz, Chairman Gianino, Kaiser, Rechten, Pearce and Thurman.

Not in attendance: Walton.

Also in attendance were Director Myers, Alderman Sir and City Administrator Sabo.

Act on Minutes of October 13, 2015:

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

(B) Events Report

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

Christenson stated that the event went well. Twenty (20) registrants did not show up on Thursday, six (6) did not show up on Friday and forty-five (45) did not show up on Saturday.

Rechten stated that some of the pizza arrived later.

Myers stated that staff would contact Little Caesars regarding the delivery issues.

Rechten suggested offering more to the children when they visit Santa, like a coloring book.

Gianino stated that they received a candy bag when they arrived and she didn't feel like anything more was necessary.

(C) Recreation Center Update

Myers stated that the total memberships was 1,537 which was thirty (30) less than the last meeting in October. She added that memberships were up around two hundred (200) from this time last year. She stated that boxing equipment had been added to the fitness area.

(D) Teen Committee Update

Myers stated that the numbers were strong for the Teen Night at The Timbers in November.

Bantz stated that he didn't hear anything about the event from his teen child.

Rechten suggested posting the events on the Rockwood Community calendar.

Bantz also suggested using social media, like Snapchat and Vine to promote events.

New Business:

(A) Trails Committee Report/Municipal Parks Grant

Myers stated that the City applied for a planning grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 in order to create a master plan to extend the current trail system throughout the Augustine Heights Subdivision. She added that her hope would be to apply for construction grants for this piece of the trail system in the future.

Bantz asked if the trail would include access to The Timbers from Eureka Road.

Myers stated that was the hope if feasible.

Sabo added that the planning grant would help the City determine cost and feasibility.

(B) Volunteer Opportunities

The volunteer opportunities list was distributed.

Report on Parks:

Berry

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition. Rechten reported that it appeared Eureka High School students are parking at Berry Park during the school day.

Bowlby

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Drewel

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Forby Road Nature Trail

It was reported that the trail was in acceptable condition.

Hilltop

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Kircher

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.

Thurman stated the ADA swing was cracked.

Myers stated a new swing was on order.

Soetebier

It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Upcoming Meetings:

January 12, 2016

February 9, 2016

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Rechten, seconded by Kaiser and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson

Recreation Supervisor