

**City of Eureka
Park Board Minutes
June 14, 2016**

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

Park Board Member Present: Bantz, Thurman, Rechten, Kaiser, Pearce, and Sax.

Also in attendance were Recreation Superintendent Christenson, Alderman Sir, Mayor Coffey and City Administrator Sabo.

Act on Minutes of May 10, 2016:

Kaiser made a motion that the minutes be accepted. Bantz seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Guests: No guests were present.

Municipal Parks Grant Application:

Jay Wohlschlaeger, a representative of SWT Design, was in attendance to discuss the Municipal Parks Grant application that applies to the proposed trail linking The Timbers and Kircher Park. Wohlschlaeger presented a conceptual plan for the proposed trail. He explained that the Municipal Parks Grant Program has two rounds of funding; the first pertaining to the planning process and the second pertaining to the construction process.

Wohlschlaeger stated that this trail project was a result of public input and that it would not only ultimately create a link between The Timbers and Kircher Park, but would provide a pedestrian connection to The Timbers from the northern and eastern portions of Eureka, and create a connection to the existing Flat Creek Trail and Route 66 State Park. He stated that there is even an opportunity for a new small park along the trail route.

It was explained that this project would need to be undertaken in at least two phases. The first phase would create the initial connection at The Timbers and make the link to the existing trail system. This portion of the project would cover approximately 1¾ mile. The second phase would then cover approximately 1 to 1¼ mile.

Wohlschlaeger stated that this project was at a conceptual level under this portion of the grant process. In the second portion of grant funding construction drawings would be created and the project would be put out for bid. He explained that the purpose of tonight's discussion was to present the project to the Board and the public and to receive any feedback on the proposal at this point in time. He also explained that a resolution would be needed from the Board of Alderman in support of the plan to proceed forward.

Wohlschlaeger described various details of the project further. He explained that as the trail proceeded out the backside of The Timbers it could be used to provide temporary emergency access in instances of flooding or other emergencies. As part of this feature the trail would go from a standard six foot width to a twelve foot width near The Timbers. There would also be consideration for removable bollards or a gate to limit vehicular access to emergency situations only. He stated that the trail would be poured concrete and may need several small retaining walls at heights of eighteen to thirty inches along its' route. In addition a pedestrian activated crossing signal or a three-way stop may be required

at Eureka Road.

Sax asked who would be responsible for trail maintenance and whether or not it could accommodate bicycles. Wohlschlaeger responded that this would be a City owned and maintained trail. He added that although the trail could accommodate bicycle riders it wasn't specifically designed as a bike trail, but rather a pedestrian trail.

Thurman asked about the design of the curbs specifically along the portions of the trail abutting roadways. Wohlschlaeger stated that along Eureka Road there would likely be a six inch curb with a raised walking surface from the roadway. Storm inlets would be installed to provide drainage to run underneath the trail.

Mayor Coffey stated that there was no sidewalk going to the Legends Corporate entrance at this time, but that as future development occurred at that entrance, the developer would likely make that connection.

Rechtien inquired as to why the proposed bridge along the trail was located as it was. Wohlschlaeger stated that this was a proposed location, but could be altered as plans were finalized.

Mayor Coffey explained that previous work done near the entrance to the Whalen development was completed in a manner that would prepare that area for this trail project.

Rechtien opened the discussion to public comment. There being none the discussion was closed.

Thurman made a motion that the Park Board support the proposal as presented. Pearce seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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 stated that the total memberships was 1,671 which was forty-five more than last month. She also state that fifty-one pool passes had been sold. These passes are being offered for the first time this season.

New Business:

(A) New Staff Members

Christenson introduced the two new full-time staff members of the Parks and Recreation Department, Ted Barklage and Jordan Breeden.

(B) Volunteer Opportunities

Christenson explains that volunteers are currently needed for the July 2nd Red, White, and You event. Any volunteers can contact Ann Moore at The Timbers.

Mayor Coffey discussed the organization and features of the July 2nd Red, White, and You event.

Thurman commented that the train signs advertising upcoming City events were attractive, but were difficult to read.

Report on Parks:

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.
Berry	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.
Forby Road Nature Trail	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.
Soetebier	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Upcoming Meetings

July 12, 2016
August 9, 2016

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Kaiser, seconded by Bantz and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Ted Barklage
Recreation Supervisor