

**City of Eureka
Park Board Minutes
September 13, 2016**

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

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

Not in attendance: Gianino and Siebels.

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

Act on Minutes of July 12, 2016:

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

Guests: No guests were present.

Myers informed the Board that Gianino wanted to step down from the chairperson position. Bantz nominated Rechten to be the chairperson. Pearce seconded and all were in agreement.

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).

Rechten stated that the Dog Splash Pool party was well attended and an enjoyable event.

(C) Recreation Center Update

Myers stated that the total memberships was 1,724 which was forty more than the last meeting. She added that with the colder weather moving in, she expects group fitness participation to increase as well as the number of people in the fitness center.

Kaiser asked the cause of the increase in memberships.

Rechten stated that the fitness classes being included in the memberships likely contributes to the increase.

New Business:

(A) Pool Season

Myers stated that it was a struggle to have the lifeguards fully staffed towards the end of the season once school was back in sessions. Shae added that staff and the pool management company would be brainstorming ideas to combat the issue for next year.

Rechten stated that the Legends subdivision pool struggled with the same issue.

(B) Eureka Days

Rechten stated that staff recovered from the flooding.

Myers state that Parks Department and Public Works staff were called in early to assist with the cleanup efforts.

Sax suggested more food vendors.

Myers stated that no food vendors were turned away from the event, but staff could work on recruiting more food vendors.

Rechtien asked about the vendors that had damage from the flooding.

Myers stated that one vendor left the event due to the damage he suffered, but the others were relocated to other areas.

Bantz asked about the idea of decreasing the event to one day.

Myers stated that staff would be making a recommendation to the Board regarding changes to the event.

(C) Volunteer Opportunities

The volunteer opportunities list was distributed.

Report on Parks:

Berry	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.
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. Bantz reported graffiti on the bridge leading into Route 66 State Park.
Legion	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition. Myers stated that the swing would be replaced and staff is fixing the broken step.
Lions	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition. Myers stated that the swing would be replaced.
Soetebier	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 11, 2016

November 8, 2016

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Kaiser, seconded by Sax and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson
Recreation Superintendent