

**City of Eureka
Park Board Minutes
February 13, 2018**

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

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

Not in attendance: Siebels

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

Act on Minutes of January 9, 2018:

Gianino made a motion that the minutes be accepted. Sax 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

Myers stated that the total memberships was 1,925. She added that due to the age of the cardio equipment, there have been a lot of service needs in the last few weeks. Myers stated that three (3) new treadmills would be installed and more equipment would be replaced in the upcoming years.

(D) Trail Update

Myers stated that she had received concern about the current width of Eureka Road. She stated that the road width would be returned to its normal size after the completion of the trail construction. Myers added that bids for surveying the next two (2) phases of the trail would be requested shortly.

Rechten asked when the trail would open for the public.

Myers stated that the target completion date is in June.

New Business:

(A) Spring/Summer Events

Myers reported on some upcoming programs and events, including grilling classes from Super Smokers and the Easter Egg Hunts. She added that the Concerts on Central series would be reduced to two (2) concerts. Myers stated that staff will be expanding the event to include larger

bands, a children's area, and the hiring of a professional sound company. She also added that the Community Garden grand opening would be on April 28 at 12:00 Noon.

Pearce asked how the potential police station expansion would affect the Community Garden.

Myers stated that if the police station expanded, the Community Garden would have to be moved. She added that any expansion of the garden would be put on hold until that decision had been made.

(B) Spring/Summer Farmers' Market

Myers stated that due to the success of the Farmers' Market and the Winter Market, it would be expanded in the spring to the first and third Thursdays of the month from May - October.

(D) Eureka Dog Park

Sir stated that the Dog Park would be located in the southeast corner of Berry Park and would encompass about a half an acre. He added that the park would include a small dog area for dogs smaller than 30 pounds and a shared dog area that would accommodate any size dog. Sir added that each area would include agility equipment, water fountains, benches and dog waste stations. He stated that registration would open April 1st and is \$40.00 for Eureka residents and \$55.00 for non-residents. He added that the registration was for a one (1) year membership and that each member could bring up to three (3) dogs. Sir added that members would have to show proof of vaccinations and that they would get a gate code to gain access to the park.

Pearce asked what the hours of the park would be.

Myers stated they would be the same as Berry Park, dawn to dusk.

Rechtien asked when it would open.

Myers stated the grand opening would be on May 6th.

Sir stated that donations were being accepted to purchase equipment. He added that several donations had already been made, including one (1) to cover the agility equipment for one of the areas.

Bantz asked how the donors would be recognized.

Sir stated that there would be a sign at the front of the dog park acknowledging the donors and plaques would be placed on the specific items that were purchased through donations.

(E) 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.
Coffey	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.
Soetebier	It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 13, 2018

April 10, 2018

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Sax seconded by Gianino and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson

Recreation Superintendent