

**City of Eureka  
Park Board Minutes  
April 10, 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, Siebels and Thurman.

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

**Act on Minutes of March 13, 2018:**

Siebels 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 1,963 which was the highest amount of memberships to date. Myers added that the City would only be offering private swim lessons this summer.

**(D) Trail Update**

Myers stated work was proceeding slowly due to the rainy weather, but she hoped that work would progress quicker with the warmer weather.

**New Business:**

**(A) Project Updates**

Myers updated the Board on a variety of projects, including the Dog Park, Central Block Parties, Farmers' Market, Transportation Day, Community Garden and the potential trail project with Pacific.

She added that registration for the dog park membership was open and 25 members were already registered. Myers stated that \$13,000 in donations have been raised.

Myers stated that staff was working on adding activities to the Central Avenue Block parties, including a kid's area. She added that Eureka United Methodist Church was sponsoring the kids area at the first concert.

Myers stated the Farmers' Market was such a success last year, so it will be held the first and third Thursday of each month from May - October.

Myers stated that plans to add more boxes to the Community Garden were on hold due to the potential police department renovations.

Myers stated staff was currently planning a Transportation Day that would feature a variety of vehicles as well as safety checks for helmets. She added the event was being held in the Legends Corporate Shopping Center.

Myers stated that the Board of Alderman for both Eureka and Pacific passed resolutions to explore a planning grant for a trail connection. Myers added that the cities would be submitting a planning grant application to the Municipal Parks Grant Commission.

**(B) Creative Community Alliance**

Myers stated that the City has joined the Creative Community Alliance whose mission is to provide art to the community. She added that the first initiative of the alliance is a program called Sculpture on the Move. Myers added that the program is a sculpture loan program. She added that the City would have the piece on loan for two years and would have the option of purchasing the piece from the artist at the end of the loan. Myers stated the dedication would take place on May 12.

**(C) Grand Openings**

Myers informed the Board of several grand opening events were planned for the next few months, including the Community Garden on April 28, the Dog Park on May 6, the Timbers pool on May 26, Coffey Park Playground on May 27 and Legion Park pavilion on a date to be determined.

**(D) 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>Coffey</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>	Bantz reported some surfacing damage on the playground.
<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 8, 2018  
June 12, 2018

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson  
Recreation Superintendent