City of Eureka Park Board Minutes August 14, 2018

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

Park Board Members Present: Frank, Nickel, Pearce, Chairman Rechtien, Sax, Sebourn, Siebels and Thurman.

Not in attendance: Bantz, Hannan and Thomas

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

Act on Minutes of June 12, 2018:

Pearce 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).

Pearce reported that the camp program was great this year.

(B) Events Report

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

Rechtien reported that there were a lot of cars parked in Shaw's Garden during the July 4th event and it was difficult to get out of the subdivision.

Myers stated she would look into the matter.

Pearce stated that the concert was well attended.

(C) Recreation Center Update

Myers stated that the total memberships was 2,070 which was 58 more than what was reported at the last meeting. She added that new fitness equipment had been added and more would be added in the upcoming months.

(D) Trail Update

Myers stated that the first phase of the trail project was nearing completion and only a few punch list items remain. She added that the alignment of Phase 2 was being reviewed and would be presented to the Trails Committee shortly. Myers stated that the planning grant to review the possibility of a trail connection from Eureka to Pacific had been approved.

Rechtien asked about the time line for the grant.

Myers stated that staff had a year to complete a master plan for the trail connection.

Frank inquired about the mud runoff on the trail near the corner of Eureka Road and Augustine Road.

Siebels stated she believed the runoff was due to the grass not being established in that location yet.

Myers stated she would look into the issue.

New Business:

(A) Timbers Pool Update

Myers stated that pool hours would be decreasing now that school is back in session. She added that the pool would be closed Monday - Thursday and open from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Fridays, 12:00 Noon - 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 12:00 Noon - 5:30 p.m. on Sundays. Myers stated that staff received a lot of compliments on the lifeguards this year.

Rechtien stated that River Walk was successful this year.

Myers stated that staff would be evaluating all of the pool programs in order to set the schedule for next year.

Rechtien asked when the diving board would be replaced.

Myers stated that it was an eight week delivery time, which would be out of pool season. She added that staff was evaluating the need for the diving board and added that specific diving board times may be implemented next years. Myers added that staff has received little complaints on the lack of the diving board and patrons seemed to enjoy having the deep end in which to swim.

(B) Eureka Days 2018

Myers stated that there were several new additions to the event for this year, including a Chicken Wing Eating Contest, a 1.5K Dog Run and new parade route. She added that the parade would travel down Central Avenue to Highway 109. She added that any presale tickets purchased for carnival rides may be used on Sunday.

Sebourn asked if the new playground at Legion Park would negatively impact the ride placement.

Myers stated that she met with the carnival ride company on-site and that they are discussing the possibility of decreasing rides if necessary.

(C) Community Garden/Pollinator Garden

Myers stated she would be looking for people to join a Community Garden Committee. She added that she was approached by a Girl Scout troop wanting to add a pollinator garden. The Board was in agreement that they would be interested in reviewing a proposal from the troop.

(D)Volunteer Opportunities

The volunteer opportunities list was distributed.

Report on Parks:

Berry It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Sir reported weeds around several trees

Bowlby It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Myers reported that the sign would be replaced soon.

Coffey It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Frank reported paint on the pavilion.

Drewel It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Flat Creek Trail

Forby Road Nature Trail

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Siebels asked if a baby swing could be added to the playground.

Lions It was reported that the park was in acceptable condition.

Myers reported that the playground was currently closed for repairs. She added that two (2) slides would still need to be replaced.

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Upcoming Meetings:

September 11, 2018 October 9, 2018

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Sax seconded by Siebels and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Kristin Christenson

Recreation Superintendent