

I. OPENING

Regular meeting called to order 7:17 p.m. Roll call taken.

Commissioners Present

Laura Angelel / Harry Pritchard / Bo Wallace / Sonny Viggers / Eldon Whitehead

Staff Present

John Crotty / Christina Boone

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Feb 26, 2007 – Approved as written. M/S/C Pritchard / Angelel

III. BUSINESS

A. Use Requests for Newburg Fields

Field space at premium. High School has two hardball teams, JV Girls softball. Little League “Eel River Little League” has 630 participating using both softball fields from 4 – 7pm, 17 tee-ball teams using corners of soccer field, Babe Ruth is using hardball fields, Adult softball is practicing on fields after 7pm, and two ASA teams using fields and some games on Saturdays along with Adult Co-Ed softball tournaments. Little League maintains field. There is no space, need land. Commissioner Angelel asked if there could be a bond measure. Director Crotty explained that Parks & Rec doesn't charge for youth programs to use the fields. Commissioners wanted Director to bring numbers of youths and bring to Duane the need for more land.

B. Adult Softball

Season's coming up. Individual waivers were a big success during basketball. Read softball rules to Commissioners. In the past, if a player was ineligible, game was considered a forfeit now it will be a player will be suspended. Unsportsmanlike conduct is a big issue. The player will be suspended for one year if fighting. Second offense, will be banned permanently. Offense against umpire, banned forever, no exception. Alcohol has not been banned. A City of Fortuna employee will be placed at the fields to report to Director and Police any problems.

C. Adult Basketball

Season ended. It ran really great.

V. REPORTS

A. Chairman Report

Thanked Harry for filling in when he was not at meeting. Passed around picture of John receiving AutoXPo donation. – Asked about signs on medians. – Everything is looking good for Rodeo & AutoXPo. – Asked about caboose. – Asked about Chris Lawrence remaining on Commission, missed three meetings in row.

B. Department Monthly Report

Shared letter from Petaluma woman thanking us for beautiful park and \$1000 donation. – Medians are to remain free from signs. It was becoming a liability & the content of signs was getting out of hand. Council says to close door, no signs. Working on placing sign on left side of Rohner Park sign at the beginning of the park for events and sign-ups. – Nothing is happening with caboose. It will be a community project. – Discussed issues with a young man who is causing problems in park. – Medians: shoveled edges, getting irrigation going soon. – Harry got trail signs donated for trails. – Lost full time employee, relocated. Toni Wilson is helping out.

C. Commissioner Reports or Comments

Commissioner Wallace – Nothing.

Commissioner Brown – Little League celebrated their 50 years. Busy even with rain. Snack shack was broken in to again over the weekend, alarm system is in and working. – Parks look great. Rex does a great job mowing. – Set up practice area behind horseshoe pits.

Commissioner Pritchard – Waiting for two fire agency's to contact regarding fire trails.

Commissioner Viggers – Shirley Bartow was so happy with dedication. His family was very appreciative.

Commissioner Angelel – The parks look great. Try to expand parks.

IV. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None to report.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next Commission meeting will be held on June 25, 2007 at 7pm at City Hall. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.