

PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD
UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2021 5:45 pm
Edgewater Cottage

Members Present:

Jen Vogt-Erickson
Steve Ball
Jodi Hartman

Members Absent:

Whitney Sauer
Rich Yost
Tony Segura
Amy Leach
Jason Howland

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Furland, Recreation Manager
Dani Bakken, Recreation Coordinator
Joe Grossman, Superintendent of Parks
Afton Wacholz, Recreation Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:

None

Recreation: Report given by Bob Furland and Dani Bakken as follows;

- Working with the CVB for upcoming events
 - Taste of Albert Lea – September; highlighting food trucks
 - Sip and Stroll – October; promote our local retail stores
- Play Parks will close for the season on July 29th; tie-dye event this coming Thursday; begin brainstorming to improve for next year and increase attendance
- Aquatic Center has been busy and record high season passes being sold; staff has been great with maintenance as many little things have had more attention due to a year of no operation; looking at ways to improve our lifeguard training and retention
- Marion Ross Theater elevator needs an additional \$74, 000 of repairs after the state inspection
- Senior Center trips will start up again and be run through the Recreation Office and Dani. Continue work with the YMCA who is in charge of the daily operations to be sure everything is going smoothly with the re-opening
- Thursdays On Fountain had 1400 attend the week before the 4th of July and also had a Food on Fountain event with food trucks that went over well.
- Albert Lea Safety Night will be held on Tuesday August 10th; this will be a community gathering with our local support agencies such as police, fire, sheriff's office, United Way, MCHS, etc.; This will be held at Morin Park

Parks: Report given by Joe Grossman as follows;

- Joe shared that Parks is exploring ways to handle the large amount of garbage at big events, such as the fireworks, 3rd of July parade, etc.
- Mike W has been working on fixing the aerators for the lake; the City has 3 but only one is working
- Continued tree trimming and removal

- Playground inspections and repairs; Pioneer Park's netting system is being replaced.
- Repair on the Fountains
- State Baseball Tournament for 11 year olds was held at Snyder Fields and went well
- The button on the Splash pad needed to be replaced.
- Mowing, spraying and watering pots
- Memorial Bench going in at the Blazing Star Trail
- Boat ramp repairs
- Disc Golf course will have some adjustments due to the air port expansion

City Arena: Report given by Bob Furland as follows;

- No new reports

Senior Center: Report given by Bob Furland as follows;

- Included in Reaction report

Marion Ross Theater: Report given by Bob Furland as follows;

- Included in Recreation report