

PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD
UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2021 5:30 pm
Edgewater Bay Pavilion

Members Present:

Steve Ball
Jason Howland
Jodi Hartman
Amy Leach
Jen Vogt-Erickson (arrived after the start)

Members Absent:

Whitney Sauer
Rich Yost
Tony Segura

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Furland, Recreation Manager
Dani Bakken, Recreation Coordinator
Steve Jahnke, City Engineer and Director of Public Works
Ryan Hajek, Assistant Director of Public Works

Others in Attendance:

None

Discussion Items:

Steve Jahnke gave update on improvements for the green space near the north lot/splash pad. Holly from Albert Lea Convention and Visitors Bureau will fundraise the cost for the lights.

Steve also gave an update on the Frisbee Golf Course and hole relocation project. Three frisbee golf holes will be removed and relocated as part of the airport fence relocation project. Work will begin October 1st. The group should look at the plan for the relocation (attached in September Board Packet).

Bob gave update on power at Central Park. Bob shared that it will be power service similar to the one at North Lot. The total cost will be \$4,800-\$13,000.

Recreation- Dani and Bob gave an update.

- Working with the YMCA for a combined no school day activity over MEA
- Senior Center trips for October-December have been scheduled. Registration going well

- We helped with the Taste of Albert Lea at Central Park. Was a great event, with 3 music groups and hundred of people all day.
- Josh is working on closing the pool, Draining pipes and adding anti-freeze
- Working on updated the 2022 fee structures for the Recreation Department

Ice Arena- Dani gave update

- Ice is installed on Nystrom Arena
- Waldorf had the first game on September 11
- Working on scheduling ice with the Hockey Association, currently there are 9 tournaments scheduled on 6 weekends. All are either full or almost full.
- Hockey Association is skating 2 days a week with fall camp
- Albert Lea Figure Skating is skating 2 days a week
- Doing maintenance on Colstrup rink to prepare it for startup and ice
- Training new staff on building procedures and Zamboni

Theater- Dani gave update

- Elevator maintenance will be scheduled with Minnesota Elevator.

Parks- Ryan gave update

- Sondergaard park project is completed
- Working on memorial park, we have all equipment
- Mosquito spraying will be on Wednesday but will be starting earlier in the evening.
- Working on Edgewater park aerator
- October 1 the dredging equipment is being removed enough to work on the pioneer park aerator
- Working on improvement of trail at Edgewater
- Received \$100,000 for emeralds Ash Bore Grant

Board Member updates:

Steve- Asked about fencing around the garden

Jason- Auditions are starting for the Christmas Story, the board is requiring COVID vaccinates for anyone auditioning.