

PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES

*March 17, 2015 5:30 pm  
Recreation Office*

**Members Present:**

Dan Borland  
Jane Grund  
Brian Hensley  
Roger Lonning  
Vern Rasmussen, Sr.  
Reid Olson, Council Liaison

**Members Absent:**

Chris Utz  
Mark Calderon

**Staff in Attendance:**

Jay Hutchison, Parks & Recreation Director

**Others in Attendance:**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order 5:30 p.m. by Board Secretary Roger Lonning.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda was made by Rasmussen, seconded by Borland and approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Hensley to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2015 meeting. It was seconded by Borland and approved.

**Public Items/Presentations:** None

**New Discussion/Action Items:**

- a. Request by Albert Lea Civility Group to Place Signs in Facilities - Peggy Havener  
Ms. Havener, Chair of the Freeborn County Choose Civility Group, made a request to the Board that they be allowed to place Choose Civility message signs at the City's sports venues and along the Pioneer Park and Blazing Star Trails. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Hensley, seconded by Grund, to support the placement of these signs at City facilities and along City trails. Motion passed.
- b. Tobacco Free Park Ordinance  
Hutchison explained to the Board that the City Council was looking for a recommendation on including City Parks in a proposed Tobacco Free Ordinance. Violation of this ordinance would be a petty misdemeanor. After a lengthy discussion, Rasmussen made a motion to support the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Borland and passed with three votes for and two votes against.

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- c. Naming Rights for proposed Edgewater Park Soccer Complex  
The Board discussed a request by the Albert Lea Youth Soccer Association to name the proposed soccer complex at Edgewater Park after a large donor. A motion was made by Grund to not allow naming rights to the complex by the Association. The second was made by Rasmussen and passed. The Board seemed to okay with a donor recognition sign/board being placed at the site.

### **Update Items:**

- a. New Community Gardens  
Hutchison reported that staff will be working with Blue Zones to establish twenty new Community Garden plots on property owned by the Port Authority at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Margaretha Avenue
- b. Edgewater Bay Pavilion HVAC System  
A HVAC system will be installed in Edgewater Bay Pavilion sometime in April. The ducts for the system will be installed in the fall as staff will be installing ceiling insulation after the facility closes for the season.

**Board Member Items:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made at 6:30 pm by Hensley to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Borland and motion carried.

Next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Hutchison, Director  
Parks and Recreation