

PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2015 5:30 pm

Members Present:

Dan Borland
Mark Calderon
Jane Grund
Brian Hensley
Roger Lonning
Reid Olson
Vern Rasmussen, Sr.
Chris Utz

Members Absent:

Staff in Attendance:

Jay Hutchison, Parks & Recreation Director

Others in Attendance:

John Forman
Sheila Schulz
Donna Olson
Sam Wilmas, Tribune
Crystal Miller
Sarah Stultz, Tribune

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order 5:31 p.m. by Board President Chris Utz.

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Calderon to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting. It was seconded by Grund and approved.

Public Items/Presentations:

None

New Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Splash Pad: Recommendation for Council from Board on project: Representatives from the group wishing to establish a "Splash Pad" in Albert Lea gave the Board an overview of the project. After discussion on the project and questions from the Board, Rasmussen made a motion to support the establishment of a "splash pad". A second part of the motion added that no public funds be used for the project. The motion was seconded by Calderon. Motion passed with all members voting yes. The Board's recommendation will go the City Council for their review and action.

- b. Dog Park: Recommendation for Council from Board on project: Representatives from a group proposing to establish a “Dog Park” in Albert Lea presented an overview of the project. A general discussion on costs, locations, and operations followed. A motion was made by Lonning giving the Park Board’s support to the establishment of a “Dog Park” in Albert Lea. The motion was seconded by Borland and passed with all Board Members voting yes. If the project is approved by the City Council, the Board and the Parks and Recreation staff will work the group to pick a location and developing the park.

Update Items:

The Director gave the Board some updates on various projects and programs. Hutchison also informed Hensley and Rasmussen that their terms were up at the end of the year and that both were eligible to serve another term if interested.

Board Member Items:

Hensley - Would like to see the City develop a donation policy and city facility/park naming policy.

Adjournment: A motion was made at 6:42 pm by Calderon to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Lonning and motion carried.

Next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Hutchison, Director
Parks and Recreation