



PARK COMMISSION MEETING
September 27th, 2016

6:30 P.M.
Sartell City Hall

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- 1) AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION
- 2) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
 - A. July 26th, 2016
- 3) Park Maintenance Update
- 4) Tobacco Free Policy
- 5) Other Business
- 6) ADJOURN

FOR THOSE REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT
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Sartell Park Commission
July 26th, 2016
Watab Creek Park Shelter

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the meeting of the Sartell Park Commission was held on July 26th, 2016 at the Watab Creek Park shelter. Dave Lindbloom called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Molitor, Diane Schellinger, Dave Lindbloom
MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Burzette, Rachel Lohmasteymaugh,
OTHERS PRESENT: Nate Keller, Community Development Technician
John Kotheunbeuttel, Assistant Public Works Director
Larry Then, Utility System Supervisor
Maybelle Gordon, Sartell resident 605 2 ½ ST N

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A motion was made by Schellinger to adopt the agenda as proposed. The motion was seconded by Molitor. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Molitor and seconded by Schellinger to approve the May 25th, 2016 Park Commission minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Maintenance Update

Kotheunbeuttel explained how Park maintenance was going this summer. New wood chips have been added to Sandstone, and Celebration parks. Public works staff have also been busy taking care of thistle, and weeds.

Neighborhood 5 Survey results

Prior to discussing the Park survey results the Commission had the pleasure of hearing from a local resident (Maybelle Gordon-605 2 ½ St N, Sartell) who spoke about the importance of keeping the trails on the North end of the park natural. Ms. Gordon also wanted the Park Commission to be aware of the vandalism occurring on the bridge. Park Commission members discussed possible options to detour vandalism including installing signs or cameras.

Keller provided a brief background on the survey including the added addition of park specific questions to the survey. Staff felt the quality of feedback was high and more specific feedback was provided on each individual park.

The Park Commission reviewed the feedback on each individual park included on the survey. The following results from the discussion:

- **Watab Creek**
Discussion was made on improvements to the Park Shelter, trail maintenance, wading pool, parking, and signs to detour vandalism. Commission members talked

about the vandalism on the bridge crossing the Watab and to the Park shelter. Commission members discussed the possibilities of looking at signage stating “this park is under surveillance” and installing these signs at our parks which house shelters. Keller will talk with Police and staff on the possibilities of installing signs to detour vandalism. Keller also mentioned the city has a new park shelter for Watab Creek as the #1 priority for the park.

- **Sartell Veterans**

Commission members discussed the purpose of Veterans Park and how the majority of people go there for a view of the river and as a “stop-n-go” rest stop. Commission members discussed maintenance as an important piece of this park. Discussion was also made on the results of the survey which showed “enacting a smoke free policy” as the #1 potential improvement to the park.

- **Sabre Oaks**

The commission discussed the purpose of Sabre Oaks and how it serves as a small neighborhood park for adjacent residents. “Upgrades to the playground equipment” and “enacting a smoke free policy” were the top two choices indicated on the survey. The 3rd was “no other improvements needed”. Commission members believed the park was in great condition and up-kept well. Commission members also noted this park has a sheltered picnic table which is nice and not to common at our smaller neighborhood parks. Commission members expressed their gratitude to all those who help keep our park gardens looking nice.

- **Natures Edge**

Discussion was made on the survey results. The survey showed “enacting a smoke free policy” as the #1 improvement followed by “playground improvements,” and no “other improvements needed”. Commission members noted there was minor weeds in the rear of the park which needed cutting. Commission members discussed that the playground was in good condition. The equipment is geared towards younger kids and adequately meets those needs. Members agreed that weed maintenance was the #1 priority for this park.

- **Rotary Riverside**

“Parking improvements”, “improvements to fishing pier”, and “additional picnic tables” were mentioned as the top three improvements to Rotary from the survey results. Lindbloom mentioned the parking lot was staked out a few years back and the Commission approved parking improvements. Lindbloom asked why the project was halted. Keller was not sure the exact reason why the improvements were never made but did note that the Rotary group initiated most of the projects for the park. Discussion was also made on the possibilities of adding another picnic table closer to the river. The existing picnic tables are cemented down and located closer to Riverside Rd.

- **Meadowlake**

The top three priorities for Meadowlake Park as seen on the survey include: “enacting a smoke free policy”, “playground improvements”, and “additional picnic tables”. Commission members again stressed the importance of just maintaining and up-keeping the weeds at all of our parks. Discussion was also made about the existing curb cut access and how no sidewalk or pathway is installed from the curb

cut to the park. For some people with strollers, or wheelchairs access from the street to the park can be difficult. Commission members would like to see what the possibilities of putting in a bituminous pathway may be.

Other business

Keller briefed the Commission on the upcoming Rain Garden Maintenance class offered August 4th from 6:00-7:30PM. 20 participants have signed up thus far (class limit is 25). Keller encouraged members to reach out to anyone who may be interested in attending. The Rain Garden class is being led by the Sauk River Watershed District and will be hosted at Sartell City Hall.

Keller mentioned there is still plans to have a Pickleball CT grand opening. The date is TBD. Construction on the courts should begin this week or next. Keller has reached out to the Police, Fire, and Pickleball Association as partners for the event.

The status of the Neighborhood Matching Fund program was discussed by Keller. There have been minor setbacks in getting the program going including disbursement legality concerns. Keller is hoping to have the initial meeting yet this summer with a launch of the program next spring.

Discussion was made on the possibilities of pursuing a Tobacco free policy. The policy would be implemented at all City owned parks. Survey results have shown that this priority scored high. The Commission would like staff to continue researching how a policy would work and bring it back for discussion at the next Park Commission meeting.

Keller explained more pictures of our parks will be added to the website throughout the next year. Keller also discussed the city possibly doing a photo contest similar to the one the city of St. Cloud currently runs.

Keller also updated the Commission on a few minor map corrections which will be added to the website.

Keller suggested the next Park Commission meeting to be held at Sartell City Hall (Tuesday, September 27th).

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Molitor and seconded by Schellinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon the conclusion of the meeting the Commission and staff members conducted a walk around Watab Creek to follow-up on recommendations made in the survey by residents.

Minutes by:
Nate Keller, Community Development Technician

MEMO

PARK COMMISSION

Originating Department: Planning Department	Meeting Date: September 27th, 2016	Agenda Item No. 4
Agenda Section:	Item: Tobacco Free Policy	

Background:

Attached to your packets is information relating to a Tobacco Free Policy. In 2002 the Park Commission passed a policy which prohibited Tobacco use during “youth oriented activities and events”. With this policy a few signs were installed (Watab & Celebration). Presented before you is an updated policy which would eliminate the vagueness of what constitutes an “youth oriented facility”. The amended resolution would prohibit Tobacco & E-Cigarette use at all City-owned property.

Attachments:

1. Two fact sheets. One showing dangers of Tobacco the other highlights results of our park survey
2. Map of Counties and cities who have enacted a Tobacco/E-Cigarette Free policy
3. Signage mock-up
4. Original Resolution
5. Amended Resolution
6. Updated Park Usage and shelter rental policy
7. Little Falls policy
8. Elk River policy

Action Requested: Staff is requesting a motion on the amended resolution.



Working to reduce tobacco's harm and the unknown effects of e-cigarettes.

Fewer adults in Minnesota are smoking cigarettes. According to the Minnesota Adult Tobacco Survey only **14.4%** continue to smoke.

In 2014, **53.4% of current smokers in Minnesota stopped smoking for at least one day in an attempt to quit smoking**, and **15.6% of smokers successfully quit**. By decreasing areas where tobacco use is permitted, we support the health of all people who choose to be tobacco free and the efforts of the majority who want to quit in favor of their own health.

Tobacco-Free Park and Recreation Areas Promote Health

- ◆ Parks are established to promote healthy activities. The purpose of park areas is to promote community wellness, and tobacco-free policies fit with this idea.
- ◆ Cigarette litter is dangerous. Discarded cigarettes pollute the land and water and may be ingested by toddlers, pets, birds or fish.
- ◆ Tobacco-free policies help change community norms. Tobacco-free policies establish the norm that tobacco use is not an acceptable behavior for young people or adults within the entire community.
- ◆ Secondhand smoke harms people, both indoors and outdoors. The 2006 Surgeon General's report concludes that secondhand smoke is a human carcinogen for which there is no safe level of exposure. Exposure to secondhand smoke has immediate health consequences on the cardiovascular and respiratory systems.
- ◆ Youth electronic cigarette use is on the rise. Youth use of e-cigarettes tripled between 2013 and 2014. Eliminating e-cigarettes use from parks demonstrates that these devices are not safe for youth.
- ◆ Policies provide consistency among community athletic facilities and groups. The majority of community sporting events are held at either city or school athletic facilities, and nearly all school districts prohibit tobacco use on their entire grounds. Also, many local athletic associations have tobacco-free policies, but use city facilities and would benefit from a city-wide policy.

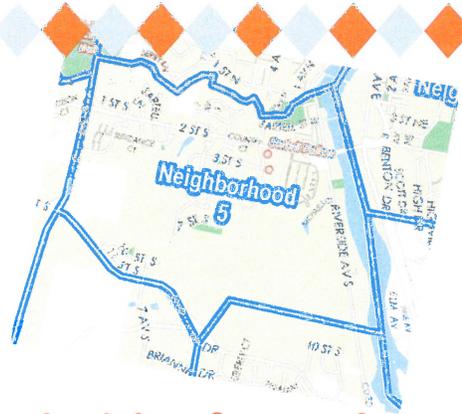
164 Minnesota communities and 17 counties have Tobacco-Free Parks Policies.

30 of them include the non use of e-cigarettes



Park/Tobacco Facts

July 2016: 70 residents in Neighborhood 5 responded to a survey sent out by the Parks Commission. Of the return surveys, 60% were answered by residents between the ages of 26-45.



When asked “What are your top 3 priorities for each area park,” enacting a policy to be smoke-free ranked high!



Rotary Riverside 29.41%



Veteran's Park 37.21%



Natures Edge Park 48.57%



Sabres Oak Park 44.44%



Meadowlake 43.33%

Some parks already have tobacco-free signage:



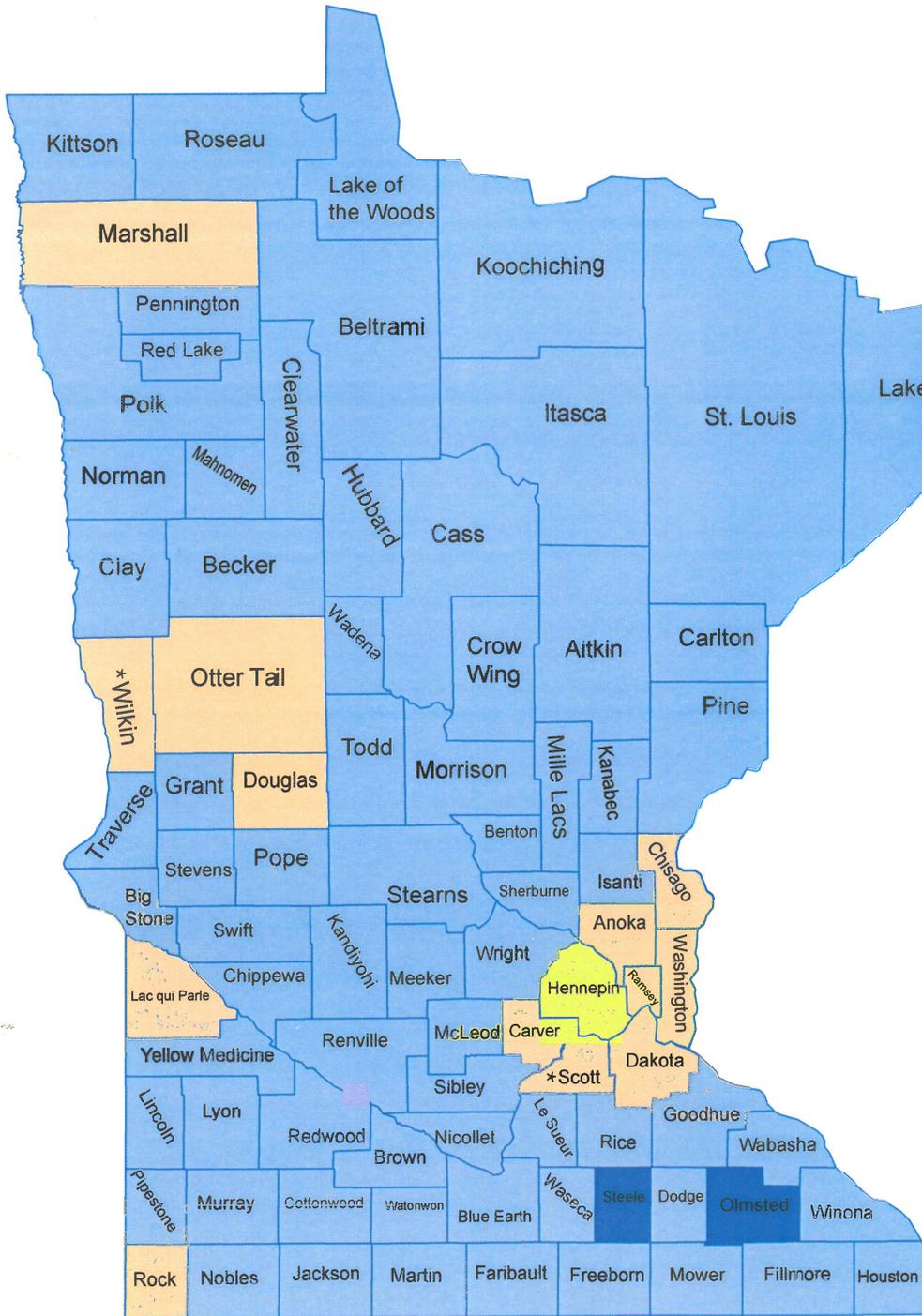
Watab Park



Celebration Park



Tobacco-Free Public Parks Policy (178 Total Policies & Ordinances)



- AITKIN**
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- BECKER**
Callaway
White Earth
- BELTRAMI**
Bemidji
- BLUE EARTH**
Eagle Lake
- CARLTON**
Cloquet
- CLAY**
*Dilworth
*Glyndon
Moorhead
- CROW WING**
Baxter
Brainerd
- COTTONWOOD**
*Bingham Lake
*Jeffers
*Mtn. Lake
*Storden
Windom
- DOUGLAS**
*Alexandria
- FILLMORE**
Chatfield
- FREEBORN**
*Albert Lea
- GRANT**
Ashby
Elbow Lake
Herman
Hoffman
Wendell
- ITASCA**
Cohasset
Grand Rapids
La Prairie
- JACKSON**
*Jackson
*Lakefield
- KANABEC**
*Mora
- KANDIYOHI**
Prinsburg
Spicer
Willmar
- KITTSON**
*Kennedy
- KOOCHICHING**
International Falls
- LAKE**
Silver Bay
- LAKE OF THE WOODS**
Baudette
Williams
- LYON**
*Marshall

*MARSHALL
*Alvarado
Middle River
*Newfolden
*Warren
- MCLEOD**
Glencoe
Lester Prairie
Plato
Silver Lake
- MEEKER**
Dassel
- MORRISON**
*Little Falls
- MOWER**
Austin
- NOBLES**
Adrian
Ellsworth
Round Lake
- OTTER TAIL**
Battle Lake
Fergus Falls
Henning
New York Mills
Parkers Prairie
Pelican Rapids
*Perham
- PENNINGTON**
*Goodridge
*St. Hilaire
- PINE**
Hinckley
*Pine City
- POLK**
Crookston
- PIPESTONE**
Pipestone
- RED LAKE**
*Red Lake Falls
- RICE**
Faribault
- RENVILLE**
Fairfax
*Olivia
- ROCK**
Hardwick
Luverne
- ROSEAU**
*Badger
*Greenbush
- SIBLEY**
Arlington
Gaylord
Winthrop
- SHERBURNE**
Elk River
Zimmerman
- STEARNS**
St. Cloud
Sartell
- STEVENS**
Donnelly
Hancock
*Morris
- ST. LOUIS**
Aurora
Biwabik
Buhl
*Duluth
Ely
Eveleth
Fayal Twnshp
Hermantown
Hibbing
Hoyt Lakes
Mtn. Iron
Virginia
- TRAVERSE**
Wheaton
- WASECA**
New Richland
Waseca
- WILKIN**
Breckenridge
Kent
Wolverton
- WRIGHT**
Buffalo
Hanover
Monticello
Otsego
- YELLOW MEDICINE**
Canby

Tobacco-Free Parks Policy Key

- County-Owned Parks Covered
- Native American Reservation
- All city- and county-owned Parks
- Three Rivers Park District

Note: City-Owned Parks covered are listed by county.
Metro area listed on separate map.

* Denotes policy includes e-cigarettes

(Updated June 2016)

TOBACCO-FREE GROUNDS



**NO TOBACCO USE
ON THIS CITY PROPERTY**



RESOLUTION 170-02

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PARK COMMISSION
TOBACCO FREE POLICY

WHEREAS, the City believes use of tobacco products in the proximity of children and adults engaged in or watching youth activities at city-owned or operated facilities is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco norm through a tobacco-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling on City youth facilities, and

WHEREAS, the City believes parents, leaders and officials are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make, and

WHEREAS, cigarettes, once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminishing the beauty of the City's recreational facilities and posing a risk to toddlers due to ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the City Park Commission determines that the prohibition of tobacco use at the City's recreation facilities during youth activity serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of our City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARTELL THAT:

1. In order to protect the health and welfare of our children the City of Sartell's Park Commission prohibits the use of any tobacco products during any organized youth activity.
2. No person shall use any tobacco products on City-owned youth activity property including its spectator areas during any youth activity.
3. Appropriate signage will be posted as directed by the Public Works Director
4. All youth organizations and agencies will be given this resolution for distributions to their leaders, coaches and participants.
5. This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SARTELL THIS 28th DAY OF
October, 2002.

Robert J. Payroll
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Patti Gartland
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

SEAL

CERTIFICATION

I, Patti Gartland, City Administrator of the City of Sartell, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Sartell at a regular meeting held on the 28 day of October, 2002.

Patti Gartland
Patti Gartland
City Administrator
City of Sartell, Minnesota

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Resolution _____-16

Park Commission Tobacco and E-Cigarette Free Policy

Whereas, the City believes use of tobacco and E-Cigarette products in the proximity of children and adults engaged in or watching youth activities at city-owned or operated property facilities can be offensive to those who use City-owned and operated property and be detrimental to their health using such facilities; and

Whereas, the City has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco norm through a tobacco and E-Cigarette free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling at all City-owned property facilities, and

Whereas, the City believes parents, leaders and officials are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make, and

Whereas, cigarettes, once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminishing the beauty of City-owned the City's recreational property facilities causing litter and environmental problems and posing a risk to toddlers due to ingestion; and

Whereas, the City Park Commission determines that the prohibition of tobacco and E-Cigarette use at the City's City-owned property recreational facilities during youth activity serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of our City

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Sartell that:

1. in order to protect the health and welfare of our children, the City of Sartell's Park Commission prohibits the use of any tobacco and E-Cigarette products during any organized youth activity at any City-owned property including: parks, trails, greenways, and other outdoor spaces as depicted in the city of Sartell Park and Trail map including: neighborhood parks, regional parks, community parks, undeveloped natural parks and greenways.
2. No person shall use any tobacco products on City owned youth activity property including its spectator areas during any youth activity.
2. The city will provide on-going educational material to the public in an effort to help warn residents of the dangers of tobacco and E-Cigarette use. The city will also have information about this policy readily available for the public by distributing flyers and posting the information on the City's website and Social Media. The city will also provide this information to activity organizations, and/or leaders or coaches.
3. City staff will make periodic observations of activity sites to monitor compliance with this policy.

~~4. All youth organizations and agencies will be given this resolution for distributions to their leaders, coaches, and participants.~~

4. Appropriate signage will be posted as directed by the Public Works Director at strategic locations to inform the Community and recreational area users about the policy.

5. This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption ~~October 28, 2002~~ October , 2016

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CITY OF SARTELL

POLICY RELATING TO CITY PARK USAGE AND SHELTER RENTALS

This policy governs park usage and shelter rentals within the City of Sartell. The following policy must be complied with if the damage deposit is to be returned in full:

1. The rental fee must be paid at the time of rental application in order to guarantee the reservation. The damage deposit is due when the shelter keys are picked up. The rental fee and damage deposit may be waived for partner organizations under agreements with the City.
2. Park shelter rentals can be made after January 1st of the same calendar year as your reservation. Shelters are available for rent as follows:
 - Northside Park - May 1 to Labor Day
 - Watab Park - May 1 to September 30
 - Lions Park Gazebo – May 1 to September 30
 - Pinecone Regional Park – year round
 - Val Smith Park – May 1 to September 30
 - Val Smith Warming House – December 1 to March 30 (weather permitting)
3. An alcohol consumption permit is available at no charge where alcohol may be consumed by groups of 25 or more.
4. No Tobacco or E-Cigarette use is allowed on any City-owned property including parks and inside or outside the park shelters.
5. The rental agreement applies to the park shelter/gazebo only. All other facilities are open to the public.
6. A two week cancellation notice is required in order to receive a refund on the shelter rental fee, minus an administrative processing fee. Otherwise, the entire fee will be forfeited for the park shelter rental.
7. Park hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with the exception of Rotary Park, which is open 24 hours a day.
8. Fires must be contained in grills or fireplaces.
9. All motor vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas.
10. The use of weapons is prohibited in parks, including the discharge of any air rifle, sling shot, bow and arrow, gun, pistol or firearm of any description except in areas which may be expressly designated for such activities.
11. No camping is allowed, except in designated areas.

12. The speed limit in parks is 5 m.p.h.
13. Swimming is not allowed in the Watab, Sauk, and Mississippi Rivers that is accessed from any city park.
14. All facilities must be locked upon your leaving and all equipment returned and locked up.
15. All litter and refuse must be disposed of in proper containers.
16. The structure being rented must be swept with broom, hosed out if necessary and garbage put in refuse containers. Broom, hose and garbage containers are provided.
17. Park shelter keys must be picked up at City Hall 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM weekdays or the Friday prior to your rental if you have the shelter rented on a weekend. The keys must be returned by 4:30 PM the next business day following your rental, unless other arrangements are made.
18. The damage deposit will be returned to you within five (5) business days after your rental to insure compliance with this policy and after any necessary deductions have been made from the deposit, including for damage, cleaning, and return of equipment. The Park Department inspects the shelter and grounds after each rental.
19. **The City will waive the rental fee and damage deposit for weekday/weeknight (not weekends unless authorized by the Public Works Director) rentals of park shelters (subject to availability) for Sartell based youth groups and the Sartell School District for use of the shelter specifically for youth based events benefitting Sartell youth. The City will also waive the rental fee and damage deposit for weekday/weeknight (not weekend) rentals of park shelters (subject to availability) once per year for organizations that have officially adopted a Sartell City park. (As of the adoption of this revised policy, there are two adopted parks - Lions Park and Sartell Rotary Park - formal Council action is needed to recognize future "adopted" parks). Any organization receiving the free rental based on this paragraph no. 18 is still responsible to follow all other park rental rules and will be responsible for any damage to the shelter caused by their use/event.**

Adopted: December 13, 2010

Updated: July 8, 2013

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CITY OF LITTLE FALLS
POLICY

Number 28

SUBJECT: Parks: Adopt-A-Park and Private Use of Parks

DATE COUNCIL APPROVED: 02/25/91; 01/06/97, 05/04/15

LOCATION IN MINUTES: Motion

Adopt-A-Park Program

The City of Little Falls will approve various clubs, organizations, families or individuals to “Adopt-A-Park”, with the following guidelines:

1. City’s Responsibility: The City will provide garbage bags, rakes and tools, etc. as needed and dispose of the collected garbage. The City will also pay for and install up to two 24” x 24” signs indicating the park’s sponsors.
2. Sponsor’s Responsibility: The sponsor will receive approval for a designated park from the City Council. Parks must be cleaned a minimum of eight times per year (i.e. twice per month for four months.) The sponsor of the park must provide adequate supervision if children are involved. The sponsor must also provide sufficient notification to the City so proper arrangements can be made in order to provide garbage bags, tools, etc. Parks must be adopted for a minimum of three years.

Private Use of Parks

1. Introduction: City parks are provided for the use and enjoyment of the public as a whole. As such the City Council does not wish to restrict or prohibit the public’s access to such public areas. In certain limited cases, the City Council may provide for use of a portion of a City park, or other public areas, to organizations and/or individuals under the following conditions:
 - a. The public’s access and use of any park shall not be restricted or prohibited. Areas dedicated for public enjoyment, (i.e. playground equipment, picnic tables, etc.), will not be restricted from public use.
 - b. An organization seeking use of a park must be a non-profit or in the case of a for-profit company, its use must be for the benefit of its employees or the public, (i.e. company picnic, etc.)
 - c. Individuals may seek use of a park for familiar gatherings, (i.e. family reunions, weddings, anniversaries, etc.)
 - d. All requests for park use must be approved by the City.
 - e. Any non-profit organizations, (i.e. school organized activity, scouts, etc.), seeking use of a park for a fund raising activity, during a special event, (i.e. Arts and Craft Fair, etc.), must have prior City Council approval. Such non-profit organization(s) making such a request must have a Little Falls address. If more than one non-profit is seeking use of the same park for the same event, the City will set a deadline of at least six months prior to the event for a lottery of those interested. Only one park permit may be granted to a non-profit for an activity where other non-profit organizations are also seeking permits. The City reserves the right to deny the use to any organization if its past use has demonstrated they are not good custodians of public property or if the City feels they cannot adequately supervise the activity. All organization obtaining permission to use City parks must provide the City with a certificate of insurance, indemnifying the City for their activity during the event. The West Side Improvement Association shall be exempt from this lottery and given priority for the use of Le Bourget Park for its antiques activities; and the Little

Falls Area Chamber of Commerce shall be exempt from this lottery and given priority for the use of Memorial Parks for its Arts and Craft activities.

Tobacco Use at City Parks

1. Introduction

The City of Little Falls owns and maintains park property throughout the City limits. The Park, Recreation and Tree Board review the status of the parks and recommends the following policy for tobacco use at City Parks. The City believes that tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at City-owned facilities is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities.

Tobacco use is a major cause of preventable disease and death. Smoking, tobacco use, and exposure to second-hand smoke have been found to cause heart disease, cancer, asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory problems.

Electronic delivery devices, more commonly referred to as electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes, closely resemble and purposefully mimic the act of smoking. They produce a vapor of undetermined and potentially harmful substances and typically contain nicotine derived from tobacco, which is a highly addictive substance. Their use in locations where smoking is prohibited creates concern and confusion.

Once consumed, tobacco products and electronic delivery devices are often discarded on the ground, raising poisoning concerns, requiring additional maintenance expenses, and diminishing the beauty of the City's parks and recreational facilities.

The use of tobacco in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at City-owned facilities is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities.

Parents, leaders, and officials involved in recreation are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make.

2. The Park, Recreation and Tree Board has determined that prohibiting the use of tobacco at the City parks listed below serves to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of our City.

- a. Columbia Park
- b. James Green Park
- c. Kiwanis Park
- d. Legion Park
- e. Lindbergh Lions Recreational Area
- f. Little Falls Area Recreation Complex
- g. LeBourget Park
- h. Maple Island Park
- i. Memorial Park
- j. North Pine Grove Park
- k. Pine Grove Park
- l. Pine Tree Park
- m. Riverside Park
- n. Veterans Memorial Park
- o. Washington Playground

3. Compliance and Enforcement

Signs shall be posted in strategic locations at the City's parks.

The community will be notified about this policy. Staff will make periodic observations of city parks to monitor for compliance.

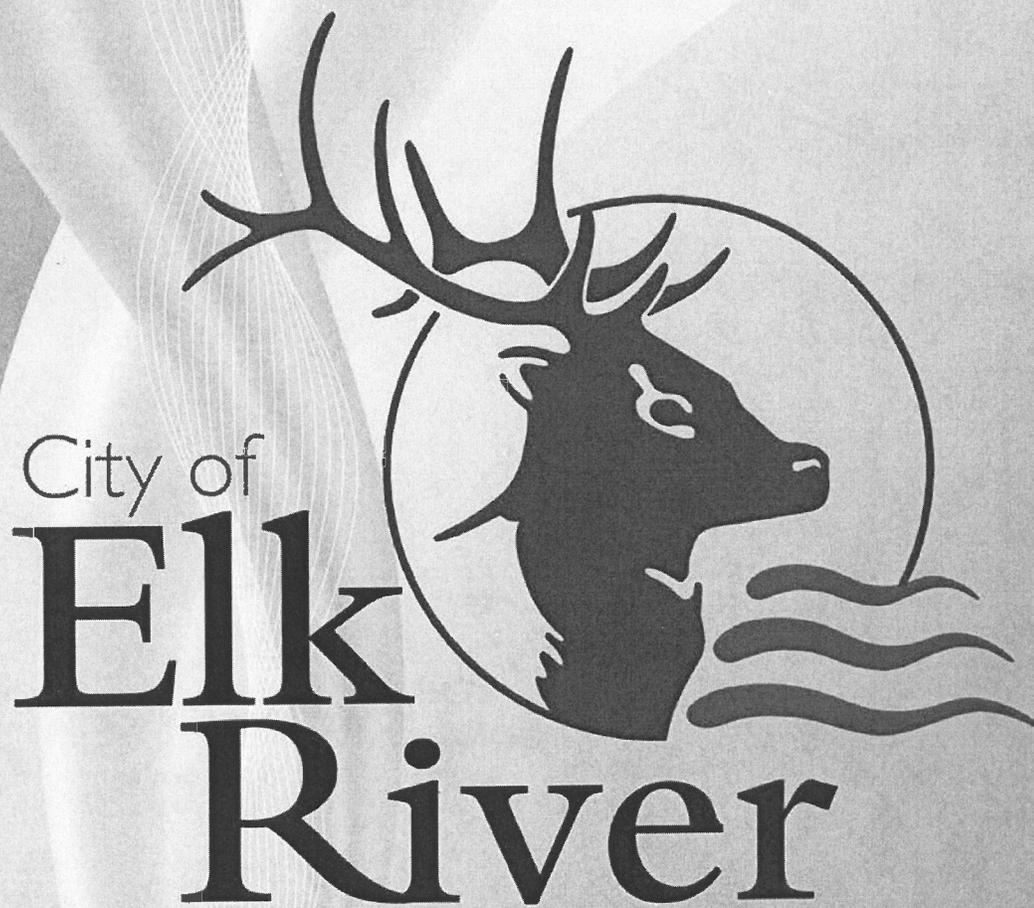
Individuals who violate this policy may be subject to immediate ejection from park property.

4. Definitions

Electronic Delivery Device means any product containing or delivering nicotine, lobelia, or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to stimulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or any other substance through inhalation of vapor from the product. The term includes any such devices, whether they are manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, or under any other product name or descriptor.

City Parks means all facilities, parks, trails, open space, and other property owned, leased, rented, contracted, used, or controlled by the City of Little Falls for parks and recreational purposes.

Smoking means inhaling or exhaling from any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other tobacco or plant product, or inhaling or exhaling aerosol or vapor from any electronic delivery device. Smoking shall include being in possession a lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, or an electronic delivery device that is turned on or is otherwise activated.



**Parks and Recreation
Tobacco-Free Parks
System Policy**

Parks and Recreation Tobacco-Free Parks System Policy

1. Guideline Statement

- The City of Elk River Parks and Recreation Tobacco-Free Policy is designed to protect the health, welfare, and safety of our park patrons. Our organization is committed to the quality of life for all residents, therefore, we believe that:
- Tobacco product and electronic cigarette use in the proximity of children, youth and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities does not promote a positive healthy lifestyle.
- Our organization strives to offer the public park facilities that are clean and family friendly. Tobacco products consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and causing a litter problem.
- As parents, leaders, coaches, and officials, we are thought of as role models. Use of tobacco and electronic cigarettes by role models has a negative effect on youth.

2. Policy Statement

The City of Elk River does not allow the use of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes on City-owned park land, recreational facilities, and open space. Open space is defined as undeveloped park land.

3. Compliance Procedures

The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free parks and recreation policy is through voluntary compliance:

- Appropriate City-owned park land, recreational facilities, and open space will have signage posted.
- City staff will meet with activity organizations and/or leaders or coaches to discuss the policy and then distribute flyers with the “Tobacco Free” regulations.
- City staff will make periodic observations of activity sites to monitor compliance.

Parks and Recreation Tobacco-Free Parks System Policy History

Adopted by:	On (date)	Item #
Council	March 21, 2016	8.3