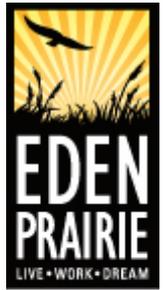


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CITY OF EDEN PRAIRIE APPOINTS NEW PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The City of Eden Prairie has announced the appointment of Jay Lotthammer as its new parks and recreation director. Lotthammer is currently the parks and recreation director for the City of Brooklyn Park, Minn. where he has been employed for 18 years. He will begin his post with Eden Prairie April 23.

“We are excited to bring Jay on board with the City of Eden Prairie,” said City Manager Scott Neal. “He brings the depth of expertise required to successfully lead the Parks and Recreation Department into its next chapter.”

Lotthammer succeeds retiring director, Bob Lambert, who headed the department for 29 years.

“I am thrilled at the opportunity to work for a City that is consistently recognized for its incredible parks system and abundant recreational programs,” said Lotthammer. “I am also grateful to the City of Brooklyn Park for the 18 wonderful years that have prepared me for this next challenge in my career.”

Lotthammer earned his bachelor’s degree in physical education and master’s degree in kinesiology from the University of Minnesota. He has also completed the coursework towards a doctorate in kinesiology. He has served in various leadership positions with several area parks and recreation associations, and has held teaching posts at both Minnesota and Concordia University. Lotthammer and his wife reside in Brooklyn Park.

The City of Eden Prairie is a vibrant community of more than 60,000 people located just southwest of Minneapolis. Eden Prairie has been nationally recognized as a great place live, work and raise a family. In 2006, MONEY Magazine named Eden Prairie the 10th “Best Place to Live” in America.

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