



Kevin Nupnau Awarded Exceptional Young Professional by IPRA

Valparaiso Parks Director Kevin Nupnau has been awarded the Exceptional Young Professional Award by the Indiana Park & Recreation Association. The award is presented to a professional 35 years old or younger who exhibits initiative, innovation and contributions to the park and recreation field.

“We congratulate Kevin on this latest and well-deserved recognition. Kevin does an extraordinary job in elevating our Valpo Parks and serving a variety of ages, abilities and interests through facilities and programming,” said Mayor Matt Murphy. “Kevin leads by example, inspiring his talented team and encouraging all who enjoy Valpo Parks.”

Kevin Nupnau is a lifelong Valparaiso resident who began his career at the Valpo Parks Department in 2018 as the Business Operations Director, becoming Assistant Director in 2021. He was recently named Director for Valpo Parks. Over the past years, Nupnau has taken on leadership for key projects, including Creekside Trails, Flounder & Friends Skatepark and the development of Valpo for All Generations which includes expanding Parks offerings as well as enhancing legacy parks – for all ages and abilities.

In addition to leading Valpo Parks, Nupnau is active in other community organizations, such as PALS (Professionals Advancing Local Success) which partners with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana. He also serves on the board of the Valparaiso Community Schools Foundation and was recently recognized by *The Times of Northwest Indiana* as one of “20 Under 40” for his accomplishments and leadership.

To learn more about Kevin Nupnau and Valpo Parks, which includes more than 1,000 acres of parkland, 22 park facilities, 36 full-time staff and more than 250 part-time or seasonal employees each year, visit ValpoParks.org.