

Ely Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday March 21, 2023

Location: City Hall

Time: 6:30pm

1. **Roll Call** - meeting began at 6:30pm. Members in attendance: Tom Reed, Mike Houlihan, Lisa Horrigan, Kelsey Ressler, Jon Ryk, AJ Johnson, Brian Akerberg and
2. **Business:**
 - a. Iowa Big – Giant Chair & Picture Frame Presentation – Students from Iowa Big attended the Park Board meeting to present their design ideas for a Giant Chair and Giant Picture Frame that will be built and installed within the City of Ely. This project is in partnership with Iowa Big, a project-based learning opportunity for area high school students. Upon reviewing the designs, it was decided that the group would like to move forward a simple plan for the Picture Frame that would have VAVRA PARK burned into the top or bottom post and the overall concept would be nature themed to fit into the future plans of the park. For the chair, a design that focused on cyclists was the top pick. The construction and installed of the chair will wait for a future year but the plan is to install it at the pocket park on the bike trail behind the Krob's property.
 - b. February Agenda Items Update – The Director updated the Board on various Vavra Park renovation items. The ten spinner has been ordered and shipped, the firetruck was painted and picked up and the sewer line project has been completed. The area that was dug up through the park for the sewer line has been graded and reseeded.
 - c. 2023 Event Schedule Review – the event schedule and volunteer opportunities for the year was reviewed. Major events to note are: Roadside Cleanup, Fishing Derby, Ely Open, Foosball, Fall Fest and the Pumpkin Float.
3. **Date of Next Meeting** – next meeting will take place on May 9th, 2023.
4. **Adjourn** – meeting ended at 7:35pm.