

# Ely Parks and Recreation Commission

## Regular Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Tuesday June 20, 2023

**Location:** City Hall

**Time:** 6:30pm

1. **Roll Call** – Meeting began at 6:30pm. Members in attendance were Mike Houlihan, Kelsey Ressler, AJ Johnson, Tom Reed and Lisa Horrigan. Members absent: Jon Ryk. Member stepping down: Brian Akerberg (moving to AZ)
2. **Business:**  
Director Updates
  1. Ice Cream Machine – The Friends of the Parks group purchased a soft serve ice cream machine for \$500 with their fundraising dollars. This item will be available for Friends and City events.
  2. Memorial Bench - \$1,000 was donated by Kevin Bander in 2022 in memory of John Shramek. A bench was purchased and installed along the bike trail in June 2023. The project is now completed.
  3. Vavra Park – Playground edgers were ordered in June for \$3,335. These will replace the missing and deteriorated edgers currently at Vavra Park. The playground area will be expanded to a 50' x 75' area to fit the new pieces, a ten spinner and fire truck. New mulch will be added to the play area this summer. Future plans include a butterfly garden, giant picture frame, several disc golf baskets, a horseshoe pit and pickleball courts on the existing concrete slab.
  4. Scoreboards – CR Signs and Nesper Signs were contacted for a quote to install the two scoreboards at City Park. Quotes were not received prior to the meeting and will be reviewed on a future date once available.

### Flag Football 2023

- Due to a decline in registrations for Flag Football over the past five years, as a result of the local Metro Youth Football League, the Director and Board moved to not offer the program to the 8–10-year-old group. This decision allows staff availability to offer a tennis program instead, which has seen an increased demand. The 6-8-year-old Flag Football program will still be offered this fall.

### End of Year Financials/Fundraising

- the end of year fundraising financials were reviewed. These numbers were approved to transfer to the reserve account by City Council on June 19<sup>th</sup>. In total, \$18,395.21 were fundraised in FY22-23 and will be added to the reserve account, bringing the account total to \$39,273.44

### Fall Fest

- The initial Fall Fest scheduled was reviewed and new activities are being added, including a Pie Eating Contest and inflatables/games for teens.

5. **Date of Next Meeting** – the next meeting will take place on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Topics to be discussed are baseball field lighting, the parking lot at City Park and Vavra Park.
6. **Adjourn** – meeting adjourned at 7:30pm