

Ely Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday January 17, 2024

Location: City Hall

Time: 6:30pm

1. **Roll Call** – meeting began at 6:30pm. Members in attendance: Mike Houlihan, Kelsey Ressler, Lisa Horrigan, Drew Lockhart, Jon Ryk, AJ Johnson and Callie Stulz-O’Brien.
2. **Business:**
 - a. Board Appointments – Two additional board members terms were set to expire on in December 2023, Jon Ryk and Mike Houlihan. After two full terms, Jon Ryk has notified the board that he will be stepping down. Mike Houlihan has chosen to stay on the board as President for another term, currently through 2025. With Tom Reed and Jon Ryk stepping down, this leaves two positions open on the Park Board. Applications are being accepted with the hopes of filling the positions by the March meeting.
 - b. Budget Update – The Parks & Rec Director updated the Board on the current status of the FY25 budget. Their request was presented to Council at their January 15th meeting. Council did not have any immediate questions regarding the parks & rec budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The final numbers that will need to be addressed are salaries and benefits. This information will be available after the personnel meeting and council approval in February.
 - c. Pocket Park Update – At the last meeting, the Park Board expressed interest in adding a water bottle filling station, bike repair station and specific bike racks for parking. Over the past month, the Parks & Rec Director has worked with the City Administrator to gather pricing and information on adding a water bottle filling station. Final numbers are not ready to review but the engineering firm working on the Old Town District project are putting together a rough cost. Additionally, the Ely Town & County Club donated \$250 towards the bike repair station, with hopes of installation in summer 2024. Staff applied for an \$8,000 grant through Big Grove in an effort to finance these new additions to the Pocket Park. If grant funding is not approved, the Park Board may consider using fundraising dollars to assist in completing the project.
3. **Date of Next Meeting** - February 13, 2024 @ 6:00pm
4. **Adjourn** – meeting concluded at 7:30pm