

Ely Park and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday January 9th, 2018

Time and Location: 7:15pm @ Ely City Hall

1. Roll Call – those in attendance: Stephanie Mai, Lauren Louvar, Marilyn Grover, Nick Steggal, Tom Reed and Callie O’Brien. Absent: Mark Harapat.

2. Approval of:
 - a. Agenda for 1/09/2018

3. Business
 - a. New Park & Recreation Committee Member: Nick Steggal
 - b. Schulte Park Renovation – an updated price estimate from National Playground Compliance Group, for the Schulte Park renovation project was reviewed. The Park & Recreation Board has decided to utilize the remaining park development budget from the 2017 fiscal year replace the woodchips at Schulte Park with playground safety tiles. This will help to make the park more ADA accessible, safe for all park goers and also require minimal maintenance compared to the current woodchip surfacing. The project is expected to be completed by the end of June 2018.
 - c. Carver Grant – after completing more research on the Carver Grant, it was realized that the timeline for the application process may not align with the timeframe required for the Schulte Park Project. This grant will still be applied for future projects/renovations and Ely City Parks.

- d. Community Skate Discussion – it was decided that Saturday morning indoor skate activities will discontinue, unless a large event is being coordinated with it. (ex. Learn to skate with ricochet).
- e. 2018 Fall Fest Date – the 2018 Fall Fest dates will be September 28th & 29th. There was discussion on whether or not to schedule this annual event on the same weekend each year. Issues with this plan is coordinating with College Community for their homecoming and Iowa home football games. After doing initial research – it appears that the last weekend in September has not coincided with a Prairie Homecoming date or a home Iowa football game. A decision will be made at a future meeting to determine if this annual event will be scheduled on the same weekend each year.
- f. Public Survey – the Park & Recreation Board has decided to create a public survey that will be sent out to the residents in Ely. This survey will be used to determine what youth & adults programs they would like to see brought to Ely, what type of events they are looking for, ideas for Vavra Park and also other requests, comments and/or concerns they would like to present to the Park Board.
 - i. Parks & Recreation Passenger Van – the idea of purchasing a Parks & Recreation transport vehicle was briefly discussed. Having a mode of transportation, 15 passengers, would open up possible programming and opportunities that can be offered to Ely residents. For example – transportation to swim lessons in the summer; half day hiking trips; senior adult trips, etc. The Park & Recreation Committee would be looking at this addition in future years – after public interest has been assessed.

4. Date for next meeting – February 13th, 2018

5. Adjourn – meeting ended at 8:30pm.