

Ely Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday April 23, 2019

Time: 6:30pm

1. **Roll Call** – meeting began at 6:30pm. Members present: Stephanie Mai, Tom Reed, Mike Houlihan, Sara Healy, (Marilyn Grover phoned in), Callie O’Brien. Absent: Jon Ryk
2. **Business:**
 - a. Bids for Erosion Project – 5 separate bids for the rip rap at City Park were reviewed. The Board voted to move forward with the bid received from Brown Concrete & Backhoe for a price of \$6,500. The funds will be allocated from Park Development FY 19-20.
 - b. Other City Park project updates
 - i. Paving the Walking Path – the asphalt project will begin later this week.
 - ii. Dugouts – the group is still waiting to hear back from the Prairie Home Construction team. If they are unable to fit the project in before the end of the school year, the Park Board will gather volunteers and build the dugouts on a weekend day before the end of June.
 - iii. Runoff Issue – there is currently a runoff issue alongside the sidewalk at City Park near the playground. The Recreation Coordinator spoke with a potential solution with an engineer from MMS – cutting in a drain similar to what is under the concession stand pavilion. Bids will be requested prior to the June meeting.
 - iv. Backfilling area between concession & playground – resolving this issue is being put on hold until the runoff issue is resolved.
 - c. Reviewed the new distribution of diesel for mowing on park grounds
 - d. Community Center Playground Update – Due to the deterioration of the playground, the Park Board agreed to begin looking into solutions to either remedy the problem areas for the time being or look into additional funding (donations, grants, etc) to replace the existing equipment.
 - e. Reviewed Work Order List
 - f. Music in the Park – There are four scheduled music in the park events for this summer. Two of the events will be fundraisers for Parks & Recreation and two will be fundraisers for the Friends of the Ely Public Library. Proceeds from the concession sales each night will go to the designated organization. The Park Boards nights are Friday May 17th and Friday July 12th.
 - g. Pumpkin Patch Update – Instead of purchasing pumpkin this year, the group is going to attempt to grow pumpkins up near the community gardens. Teresa Grieder and her husband have agreed to help get the patch going. The Recreation Coordinator and Public Works will begin getting the site ready prior to planting the first week of June.
 - h. Fall Fest – The dates for Fall Fest 2019 are September 27 & 28. The Park Board gave the Recreation Coordinator the go ahead to begin booking necessities such as the inflatables, face painter, photo booth, etc.
3. **Date of Next Meeting**
 - a. Tuesday May 2019 @ 6:30pm – unsure on date due to baseball season
4. **Adjourn**