

Ely Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday June 11, 2019

Time: 6:30pm

1. **Roll Call** – meeting began at 6:40pm at City Park. Members in attendance: Stephanie Mai, Mike Houlihan, Lisa Horrigan, Sara Healy, Tom Reed, Marilyn Grover and Callie O’Brien. Absent: Jon Ryk

2. **Business:**
 - a. Community Center Park
 - i. The Park Board discussed their goals for Community Center Park which included a plan with three phases. At this point this is only a rough set of goals that the Board would to accomplish over the years to come as they fit in the timeline of other capital projects. Phase 1: replace the deteriorating playground with something more modern, possibly a fire station theme to recognize our amazing fire department. Phase 2: construct a covered pavilion on the opposite side of the bike trail to create a rentable space and also a natural rest point for trail users. Phase 3: completely resurface the broken tennis court and replace the fencing.
 - ii. The Park Board would like to address phase 1 during the 20/21 fiscal year for multiple reasons: 1, they were presented with a private donation of a substantial amount to put towards a playground replacement with the contingency that the project must be completed within 18 months. 2, the currently playground at Community Center Park is seeing one of its last season’s due to potential safety concerns in the in the coming year or two. 3, with the construction of the parking lot next to the Community Center, the Board believes this park will become a very popular and convenient destination.
 - iii. The next step the Board plans to do is have a meeting with Council to discuss the feasibility and to gauge support before beginning budgetary plans in the fall. If Council and the Park Board agree to move forward, the Recreation Coordinator will begin applying for grants to help assist with the cost of replacing the playground.
 - iv. This plan is preliminary.

3. **Date of Next Meeting**
 - a. Tuesday July 9, 2019 @ 6:00pm
 - b. Fall Fest Planning Meeting to follow @ 6:30pm

4. **Adjourn** – meeting concluded at 8:00pm