

Ely Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday January 14, 2020

Time: 6:00pm

1. **Roll Call:** Meeting began at 6:00pm. Members present: Mike Houlihan, Tom Reed, Sarah Healy, Stephanie Mai, Marilyn Grover and Callie Stulz-O'Brien. Members Absent: Jon Ryk, Lisa Horrigan.
2. **Business:**
 - a. Vote on Community Center Playground & Concrete Bids
 - i. The Board reviewed quotes from 5 different playground companies. After comparing prices, warranties and other various information, the group voted to move forward and award the project to Boland Recreation – the lowest quote received. This project is not final – budget approval will be requested from Council at the upcoming meeting.
 - b. Introducing Two New Youth Programs
 - c. After approval from the Board, the Park & Recreation Coordinator will be introducing new programs this spring/summer: Introduction to Sports and Blastball. Both programs would be open to 3- & 4-year old's and will be held in the grass space behind City Hall on Wednesday evenings for a duration of 4 weeks, with 30 – 45-minute practices. The goal will be to have high school volunteers run both mini programs. Registrations will be limited to 6 – 8 children, at a cost \$25 per person. There has been an increase in demand for programming for this age group in our Community. Both of these are introductory programs that will help get families into our youth sports system and ready to go for the upcoming seasons with us. They are both limited, to nearly no expense and could bring in another \$400 in registration revenue.
 - d. Update on Remaining FY 19-20 Projects
 - i. Erosion Control at City Park Pond & Playground
 1. After reviewing information provided regarding Flexamat, the group voted to move forward with this application rather than rip rap in hopes that this will curb erosion control rocks being thrown into the pond and to create a safer edge along the bike trail. Public Works agreed to complete the labor in house, making the cost of the project equal to the second lowest Rip Rap bid the Board received. The goal is to have this wrapped up by May 2020.
 2. There is drainage concern where water coming off of Stastny field is eroding away the ground at the end of the playground sidewalk. This was discussed last summer as well - the Board has been keeping an eye on the problem area. Public Works has back filled the area back in multiple times to no avail. The Recreation Coordinator received a quote from Outdoor Creations for the work of installing a channel drain on the sidewalk and to run additional drainage tiles to the pond, for \$3,500. After sitting

down with Public Works, it was agreed that this is something we can do in house. They are confident they will be able to complete this for \$1,500 or less.

3. While Public Works has the equipment rented for the project listed above, they will also backfill the marsh area between the concession stand and playground that has been a problem area for several years as well. They will extend the drainage pipe and backfill with the goal to no longer have a swamp area near the playground.

e. **FY20-21 Budget Workshop**

- i. The group reviewed FY 20-21 recommendations from the Recreation Coordinator and completed the budget worksheet with their agreed upon updates. This budget request will be presented to City Council on Monday January 20th.

3. Date of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday February 11, 6:30pm

4. Adjourn – Meeting concluded at 7:20pm