

City of Eldridge Park Board



The regular meeting of the Eldridge Park Board was called to order at 6:31 P.M. on July 9, 2024, at Sheridan Meadows Park.

Board members present were Jeff Ashcraft, Jill DeWulf, Scott LaPlante, Dean Halverson, and Tricia Campbell. Also, present were Scott Campbell and Tony Rupe.

Scott Campbell requested that Sanctuary Gardens be added to the agenda under Old Business. Motion by DeWulf, second by Campbell to approve the amended agenda. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment – None.

Motion by LaPlante, second by DeWulf to approve the minutes from June 11, 2024 meeting. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Campbell, second by Halverson to approve bills payable in the amount of \$12,987.81. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business-

Band Shell discussion- Rupe gave an update on the band shell. City Staff, North Scott Rotary and Shive Hattery met on July 8th for a brainstorm session. Shive Hattery will present two concepts for discussion at the next committee meeting, tentatively scheduled for July 22, 2024.

The recent softball tournament went well. There was damage to the field and a field chalker. An invoice for the repairs will be sent to the tournament director. Halverson attended the recent tournament and complimented the facility and gave some suggestions for future improvements. Motion by DeWulf, second by Halverson to pay the field prep staff \$15/hour for this tournament as was previously agreed to by city staff and the employees.

Rupe asked if the current procedures for reserving the Pickleball Courts was adequate from a city staff perspective. The current procedures are adequate and do not require any additional work. The board will be contacting a group that holds league games at the courts to determine their needs and schedule so courts remain open to the general public for use during these times.

The Lions shelter has some concrete that has moved and caused trip hazards. Rupe pointed out that those areas have been painted yellow to warn users of the hazard and that repairs are being investigated.

City staff has everything lined up for Eldridge Days. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Ashley Lacey at City Hall.

Scott Campbell was approached by an anonymous donor who would like to leave a legacy gift in the form of a gazebo at Sanctuary Gardens. Information on plans and costs for a gazebo will be obtained and discussed at the next Park Board meeting.

New Business-

The baseball and softball games are complete for the summer. The concessions stands will be closed down for the year in the next few days.

No additional discussion needed on Field Prep Pay. This item was discussed during Old Business with the Softball/Baseball discussions.

Jeff Ashcraft
Jill DeWulf

Trish Campbell

Dean Halverson
Scott LaPlante

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Motion by LaPlante, second by DeWulf to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Rupe, Public Works Director

The next regular meeting is on August 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Sanctuary Gardens.

Jeff Ashcraft
Jill DeWulf

Trish Campbell

Dean Halvetson
Scott LaPlante