

The regular meeting of the Eldridge Parks & Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on July 18, 2023, at Sanctuary Gardens.

Board members present were Scott Campbell, Jeff Ashcraft, Jill DeWulf, Lee Westendorf, and Tricia Campbell. Also present were Jeff Martens, Steve Puls, and Ashley Lacey.

Motion by DeWulf, second by Westendorf to approve the agenda with adding Pickleball Shade and Summer Concerts 2024. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by DeWulf, second by T. Campbell to approve the minutes from June 13, 2023. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Ashcraft, second by Westendorf to approve bills payable in the amount of \$13,687.02. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

#### Old Business-

Steve Puls and the Park Board discussed the phase 2 irrigation project at Hickory Creek Park. Puls said it should take him a month to install the irrigation at the soccer field. He will send a weekly update on the project and attend the August and September Park board meeting. Motion by Jeff to approve Puls Co to install phase 2 of the irrigation project. Second by DeWulf. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

The landscaping at Sanctuary Garden is almost finished. We have a few more plants that will be planted Wednesday morning and lastly, we need to purchase some trees with the grant money.

Lacey presented sheets for each of the summer camps that have happened so far. Sand Volleyball is finishing up this month.

Martens presented information about the Pond at Sheridan Meadows. There is a grant that the DNR has that Martens will be pursuing for engineering costs.

Motion by Westendorf to approve the QC Pickleball Club to purchase the materials to build a shade structure on the pickleball court, they are donating \$1,000, and the park board will cover the rest if it should go over the quoted amount. Second by DeWulf. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

#### New Business –

Members of city staff and other volunteers ran the beer tent at Eldridge Summerfest, everything went well, and raised around \$3,500 for the parks.

Motion by DeWulf to approve the dates for the Chamber of Commerce music in the park for June 12, July 17, and August 14 for the summer concerts for 2024. Second by Westendorf. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Lacey recused herself from the remainder of the meeting.

Martens summarized legal compensation options for the board concerning Lacey. After a short discussion, Ashcraft motioned to pay Lacey a \$5,000 bonus for her extra work with Eldridge park's summer programs and concessions. The board clarified and the motion was amended that this was a one-time bonus based on merit for performance this year and not to be considered an annual bonus. Westendorf seconded. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Westendorf, second by Ashcraft to adjourn meeting at 7:36 pm. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley Lacey, Billing Clerk

The next regular meeting is on August 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.