

The regular meeting of the Eldridge Parks & Recreation Board was called to order at 6:31 P.M. on October 10, 2023, at City Hall by Chairman Scott Campbell.

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

Motion by Campbell, second by Ashcraft to approve the agenda with the addition of adding Pickleball Court benches to new business. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by DeWulf, second by Ashcraft to approve the minutes from September 12, 2023. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Ashcraft, second by Campbell to approve bills payable in the amount of \$73, 413.83. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

#### Public Comment

No public comment.

#### Old Business-

Puls let the board know that the irrigation at Hickory Creek Soccer Fields was complete and working as expected. Some additional seeding will be done once the ground settles over the trenches. An invoice was submitted.

No new information was available to be presented on the 4-Plex Dugouts so that item was tabled until the November meeting.

#### New Business-

SCRA recognition for the Hickory Creek Soccer Fields was discussed. The board thought that it would be a good idea to recognize the SCRA on a sign for the soccer fields and directed the staff to look for a new vendor since the previous vendor was unresponsive. They also mentioned recognizing Bill Brehmer's efforts in the creation of this park.

S. Campbell had spoken to citizens involved in the pond/lake project up to this point and said that these citizens would support a pond at Hickory Creek or Sheridan Meadows. He said that he had talked to the City Administrator about getting public input on the project and the board agreed public input was needed before a decision was made. The board will pursue this idea more in November.

No information was available on the Lions Club flowers in Weise Park. Puls mentioned that the bushes that were placed in that park by the benches as a memorial need replacement and if city staff removed the old bushes his company would consider donating and planting replacements. City staff will email the board more information on the Lions Club flowers.

Ashcraft motioned to approve Option B of the Pickleball Light proposal and DeWulf seconded. Option B is to convert all 16 light fixtures to 277 Volt simultaneously and have all the lights the same. Total cost is \$6,000. This was opposed to Option A which would have total cost of \$9,600 over time replacing the current higher voltage non-LED lights as needed. Option B was less expensive and would save considerable energy of the current lights.

DeWulf presented that the Pickleball Club would like to add another bench at the Pickleball Courts. The board seemed favorable to this request, but no action was taken at this time. The board requested a quote from city staff.

Motion by Ashcraft, second by DeWulf to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Martens, Assistant City Administrator

The next regular meeting is on November 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.