

The joint meeting of the Eldridge City Council and the Eldridge Parks & Recreation Board was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the Eldridge Community Center.

Council Members Present: Dan Collins, Scott Campbell, Brian Dockery, and Ryan Iossi. Park Board members who were present: Jeff Ashcraft, Jill DeWulf, Scott LaPlante, and Tricia Campbell. Adrian Blackwell and Dean Halverson were absent.

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also present: Marty O'Boyle, Randy Ridgeway, Jeff Martens, Nevada Lemke, Martha Neito, and Ashley Lacey.

#### New Business:

Hickory Creek Park- Ashcraft presented the Park board's thoughts for the future of Hickory Creek Park which included it being a multi-purpose recreational community park. Enhancing the park behind the soccer complex, which could include walking/running trails, off-road biking, fishing, picnicking, disc golf. The park board is going to work to get updated engineering fees to find out what it will take to get this project off the ground.

Sheridan Meadows Park- The park board has had a lot of projects happening at Sheridan Meadows in the last few years. All the dugouts have been replaced. New fencing/netting on field 3 to help keep balls out of the creek and a gate to the back lot. The parking lot at the 4-plex has been redone. They will continue to look at projects at the park that need to be looked at including what to do with the pond.

Pickleball Courts – There are some cracks in the court. Lacey is going to work with a contractor to find the best product to use to fix the cracks. The lights that are burnt out will be fixed within the next week. Motion by DeWulf to approve the QC Pickleball Club holding a tournament on June 29, 2024. Second by LaPlante. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

#### Park Board Priorities:

Band Shell Project – Lacey is going to set a meeting with Ashcraft, the city engineer, and a member of the rotary to start putting plans into place for the band shell.

Sanctuary Gardens- The park is mostly completed, a commemorative sign will be placed explaining the history of the park, and down the road, a pergola will be donated to the park as well.

#### General Updates

Scott County Health Department – Community Transformation Program Funds has \$500 that can be put towards workplace wellness or community wellness. The board/council would like to put it towards fixing the cracks at the Pickleball courts.

Motion by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Second by Iossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Frank King  
Mayor

Martha Nieto  
City Clerk

The next regular meeting is on May 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.