

City of Eldridge Park Board



The City of Eldridge, Iowa, Park Board met in open session at 6:00 P.M. on October 14, 2025, at Eldridge City Hall.

Board members present: Jeff Ashcraft, Tricia Campbell, Scott LaPlante, and Jill DeWulf. Also present were Tony Rupe and Scott Campbell (arriving at 6:45). Board members absent: Samantha Nichols (work obligation).

Motion by Campbell to approve the agenda. Second by DeWulf. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment – None

Motion by Dewulf to approve the minutes from September 9, 2025. Second by Campbell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote with LaPlante abstaining due to being absent at that meeting.

Motion by Campbell to approve bills payable in the amount of \$32,273.03. Second by LaPlante. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Motion by DeWulf to donate any remaining softball equipment to Wapsi Girls Softball or Long Grove Youth Sports. Second by Campbell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Park Board reviewed a drawing from Eldridge Lumber for the new Elmegreen Park shelter & restroom. Board members directed Public Works Director Tony Rupe to finalize plans based on the drawing and move forward with receiving quotes for a spring 2026 installation.

Public Works Director Tony Rupe gave an update on the Crandall Park projects. The roof replacement on the shelter is complete. The restroom water and sewer lines have been installed by City Staff. The doors and remaining interior work are scheduled to be completed in the next two weeks. Bortec was recognized for donating their labor to directionally drill the new water service from South 3rd Street to the new restroom, minimizing surface disturbance in the park.

A grant request was submitted to the Moonlight Chase for a new entrance sign at the Hickory Creek Park walking paths.

New Business

Park Board members reviewed a memo and job description to formally add clerical and administrative park tasks, including park scheduling, into the existing Payroll / Permit Clerk position at City Hall. City Administration recommends that the Park Board contribute 10% of the wages for this position. Motion by DeWulf to approve an annual contribution of 10% of the Payroll / Permit Clerk wages. Second by Campbell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

A request was reviewed to rent Sheridan Meadows Park for the Iowa-Illinois USSSA State Softball Tournament June 26-28, 2026. With limited staffing and high demand for Sheridan Meadows Park, the Park Board currently has more requests for 2026 tournaments than they are able to fulfil. Motion by Campbell to decline the request for the June 26-28 park rental. Second by LaPlante. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Campbell to adjourn at 6:54pm. Second by DeWulf. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Rupe, Public Works Director

Jeff Ashcraft
Jill DeWulf

Tricia Campbell

Dean Halverson
Scott LaPlante