

City of Eldridge Park Board



The regular meeting of the Eldridge Park Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on January 13th, 2026, at City Hall.

Board Members present were Jill DeWulf, Samantha Nichols, Tricia Campbell, and Scott LaPlante. Also, present were Tony Rupe and Paul Tremmel. Jeff Ashcraft arrived at 6:39.

Motion by DeWulf, second by Nichols to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion by Dewulf, second by Nichols to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025 meeting, with correcting the date of the meeting. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion by LaPlante, second by DeWulf to approve the park bills in the amount of \$5,879.13. All ayes. Motion carries.

Public Comment

Paul Tremmel introduced himself as representing North Scott Little League and was interested in hearing the discussion about the concession stand contract renewal.

Old Business

Elmegreen Park Shelter Update - Rupe will be sending out the plans for quotes in the next few weeks.

Lions Shelter Update – Shive Hattery has looked at the shelter and has given some recommendations on improvement specifics. Rupe is exploring drawings to capture the improvement requirements and will send out for quotes once finalized. Improvements will focus on a new frost footing, new concrete floor, and new 6x6 posts.

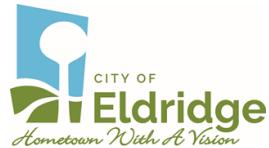
New Business

Shelter Fees – Discussion was held on increasing the shelter reservation fees for Crandall Park and Elmegreen Park from \$50 to \$100 now that Crandall has a permanent restroom, and Elmegreen will have a permanent restroom by summer of 2026. Dewulf made a motion to set all park shelter reservation fees at \$100 per day, second by Nichols. All ayes. Motion carries.

Portable Pitching Mounds – Discussion was held on the need to replace three portable pitching mounds at Sheridan Meadows. Motion by Dewulf to purchase three new portable pitching mounds, second by LaPlante. All aye. Motion carries.

Eldridge Open Pickleball Tournament – Jeffery van der Eems requested to reserve the pickleball courts for the 6th Annual Eldridge Open on May 16th with a rain date of May 17th. The board revisited a discussion from 2025 about the concern of tournaments restricting the use of the courts by the public on a weekend. Because this tournament has been held regularly in Eldridge for the past 5 years, and because the city has not been approached for any other tournaments, the board agreed to

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proceed with approving the tournament. Dewulf made a motion to approve the reservation of the pickleball courts on May 16th, and May 17th if needed, at a rate of \$250 which includes the Lions Shelter. Second by Nichols. All ayes. Motion carries. Rupe will work with city administration to update the contract, if needed.

Concession Stand Contract – Discussion was held on renewing the contract for concession stand operations to Derek Lingle for 2026. Discussion focused on operations feedback from the 2025 season, as well as the possibility of publishing a Request for Proposal to see if any new entities were interested. An email from North Scott Little League was received on January 16th at 9:04am with regards to the concessions stands. To allow time to review the information and make an informed decision, Dewulf made a motion to table the item. Second by Nichols. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion by Dewulf to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m., second by Nichols. All ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Rupe, Public Works Director