

Eldridge Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
6:30 p.m. at City Hall

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the March 10, 2026 Park Board Meeting
4. Consideration to Approve Bills Payable
5. Public Comment

6. Old Business

7. New Business
 - A) Eldridge Lions Club proposal for a Pollinator Pad at Sanctuary Gardens and Shade Structures at the Sheridan Meadows Playground
 - B) Presentation of the MidAmerican Energy *Trees Please!* Grant
 - C) Consideration to Approve Funding for Trees at the Hickory Creek Park Walking Path
 - D) Consideration to Approve Updated Ball Diamond Fees and Guidelines

8. Adjourn

Trish Campbell

Chris Spensley

Jill Dewulf

Samantha Nichols

Arsal Shareef

2026 Meeting Dates: 1/13 ; 2/10 ; 3/10 ; 4/14 ; 5/12 ; 6/9 ; 7/14 ; 8/11 ; 9/8 ; 10/13 ; 11/10 ; 12/8

City of Eldridge Park Board



The regular meeting of the Eldridge Park Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 10th, 2026, at City Hall.

Board Members present were Jill DeWulf, Tricia Campbell, and Chris Spensley. Also, present were Tony Rupe, and Jeff Ashcraft.

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

Motion by Spensley, second by Dewulf to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2026 meeting. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion by Spensley, second by DeWulf to approve the park bills in the amount of \$4,664.28. All ayes. Motion carries.

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

The Park Board reviewed the capital improvement project priorities identified by each board member. The top three projects were the Centennial Park shelter rehabilitation, replacement of the field lights at Sheridan Meadows Diamond 2, and the Centennial Park playground retaining wall. Rupe reported that Public Works staff removed the existing retaining wall and were able to regrade the area surrounding the playground, eliminating the need for a replacement retaining wall. The Board agreed to move forward with obtaining quotes for the Centennial Park shelter rehabilitation and the Sheridan Meadows Diamond 2 field lights. City staff will also apply for an SCRA and RDA grant to assist with funding for the Diamond 2 lights.

New Business

The Board reviewed an estimate from Shive-Hattery for the design and construction of a restroom and concession facility at Hickory Creek Park. Design costs are estimated at \$35,000, with construction costs estimated at \$350,000. No action was taken at this time.

The Board also reviewed proposals for portable toilets at City parks. Motion by Dewulf, second by Spensley, to hire Shacks to provide portable toilets for City parks in 2026 at a cost of \$150 per four-week period with twice-weekly cleaning. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Dewulf at 6:48pm, second by Spensley. All ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Rupe, Public Works Director



City of Eldridge, IA

Bills Payable

By (None)

Payment Dates 3/10/2026 - 4/9/2026

Payment Number	Account Number	Vendor Name	Description (Payable)	Amount
156820	004-5-430-6320	ELDRIDGE WELDING	WALKING PATH SIGN BRACKET HARDWARE	325.00
156820	004-5-430-6320	ELDRIDGE WELDING	WALKING PATH SIGN BRACKET HARDWARE	40.00
156825	004-5-430-6310	MENARDS	REFRIDGERATOR FOR MAINTENANCE BUILDING	449.00
156868	004-5-430-6321	MENARDS	SEWER CLEAN OUT CAP - CRANDALL PARK	8.55
156824	301-5-430-6798	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.	HARDWARE FOR NEW TRAIL SIGN	59.07
156827	004-5-430-6371	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	MID AMERICAN – SHERIDAN MEADOWS FEBRUARY	288.03
156843	004-5-430-6408	CONTINENTAL WESTERN GRO...	INSURANCE – UNPAID END OF YEAR GENERAL LIABILITY	68.04
156845	004-5-430-6408	THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE ...	INSURANCE – EQUIPMENT POLICY	645.48
156857	004-5-430-6408	CONTINENTAL WESTERN GRO...	INSURANCE – UNPAID END OF YEAR GENERAL LIABILITY	31.14
156875	301-5-430-6798	NICK OECHSNER INC.	HICKORY CREEK-TRAIL SIGN	540.00
156869	004-5-430-6371	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	MID AMERICAN – SHERIDAN MEADOWS MARCH	504.00
156854	004-5-430-6371	CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	INTERNET	150.00
156878	004-5-430-6408	PORTER INSURANCE	INSURANCE – ANNUAL GENERAL LIABILITY/UMBRELLA/LINEBACKER	9,729.17
156850	004-5-430-6310	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	WALL FILE FOR TIMECARDS	25.98
156850	004-5-430-6323	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ELECTRICAL BOXES – CENTENNIAL PARK SHELTER	73.18
Grand Total:				12,936.64

Report Summary

Fund Summary

Fund	Payment Amount
004 - PARK BOARD	12,337.57
301 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	<u>599.07</u>
Grand Total:	12,936.64

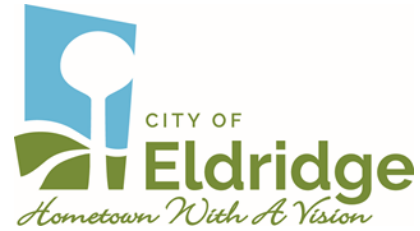
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004-5-430-6310	B & G MATERIAL	490.17
004-5-430-6320	HICKORY PARK SOCCER	365.00
004-5-430-6321	CRANDALL PARK	8.55
004-5-430-6323	CENTENNIAL PARK	57.99
004-5-430-6371	UTILITIES	942.03
004-5-430-6408	GENERAL INSURANCE	10,473.83
301-5-430-6798	CAPITAL-HICKORY CREEK...	<u>599.07</u>
	Grand Total:	12,936.64

Project Account Summary

Project Account Key	Payment Amount
None	<u>12,936.64</u>
Grand Total:	12,936.64

City of Eldridge Park Board



To: Park Board
From: Tony Rupe, Public Works Director
RE: Trees Please! Grant
Date: 4/9/26

This past November, City staff submitted an application for the MidAmerican Energy Trees Please! grant program. We were recently notified that the City has been awarded \$3,000 to support tree planting at Hickory Creek Park.



2026 MidAmerican Trees Please grant award

From Christoffersen, Stacy (MidAmerican) <Stacy.Christoffersen@midamerican.com>

Date Fri 3/20/2026 3:09 PM

To Tony Rupe <trupe@cityofeldridgeia.org>

You don't often get email from stacy.christoffersen@midamerican.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Tony Rupe
City of Eldridge
PO Box 375
Eldridge, IA 52748

Congratulations! Your community has been selected to receive a grant for \$3,000 through MidAmerican Energy's Trees Please! Program. Your participation will help your community's energy management efforts and promote community collaboration. The check for the grant award will be delivered in the spring. MidAmerican is proud to partner with your community, and we look forward to seeing the results of your tree planting project.

Below are reminders of Trees Please! program requirements:

- Tree planting projects must be completed within MidAmerican's Iowa service territory.
- Grant money must be used for purchase of trees only.
- This program is not a residential customer tree planting program.
- The trees must be planted in common areas, such as publicly owned properties, city-owned rights of way, schools and community spaces.
- Matching funds from other sources that equal MidAmerican's grant amount must be secured. This requirement can be met by in-kind services, donated labor and/or materials.
- A project status report must be submitted when your planting project is complete. Once your project is complete, a status report must be submitted.

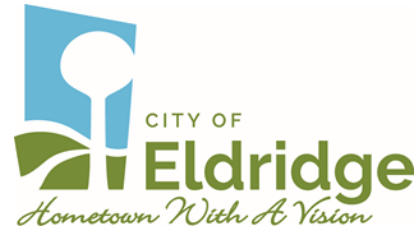
If you have any questions, email planttrees@midamerican.com or call 800-434-4017.

Sincerely,

Stacy Christoffersen
Energy Efficiency Manager
MidAmerican Energy Company



City of Eldridge Park Board



To: Park Board
From: Tony Rupe, Public Works Director
RE: Hickory Creek Park Trees
Date: 4/6/26

The City of Eldridge was recently awarded a \$3,000 grant from MidAmerican Energy for trees at Hickory Creek Park. In 2024, we were able to purchase 16 trees for \$3,000.

Public Works staff plan to plant these trees along the walking paths. They have inquired whether the Park Board would like to authorize additional funding to expand plantings and further establish the tree corridors identified in the Hickory Creek Walking Path design.

Staff consulted with Crystal DeWulf, the designer of the walking path, who provided the following recommended tree species for consideration:

Shade Tree: Oaks (Pin, White, Northern, Bur, Red), Maples (Red, Sugar), Quaking Aspen, Hickory, Elm

Understory Trees: Dogwoods (Pagoda, White, Pink, Kousa), Serviceberry, Redbud

Evergreen Trees: White Pine, Balsam Fir



Jill DeWulf

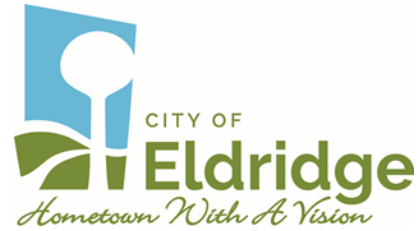
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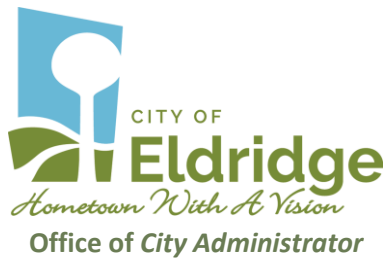


To: Park Board
From: Tony Rupe, Public Works Director
RE: Ball Park Fees and Guidelines
Date: 4/9/26

At the November 11, 2025 Park Board meeting, a fee schedule for ball diamond reservations was discussed and approved. City staff has since revised the document and is requesting approval of the updated fee schedule. No changes have been made to the actual fee amounts. Key updates include:

- Revised the title to reflect all City of Eldridge ball diamonds, rather than limiting it to Sheridan Meadows
- Updated fee terminology for improved clarity and consistency
- Removed the Adult League fees
- Clarified the designation of home clubs
- Exempted designated leagues with seasonal home games at Sheridan Meadows from practice fees

The current fee schedule and the proposed updated fee schedule are provided on the following two pages.



Approved 11/11/25

Sheridan Meadows Park

Reserve unchalked diamond	\$10 per game
Reserve chalked diamond	\$30 per game
League/Club Maintenance Fee	\$10.00/player/team/season
Adult League Maintenance Fee	\$40.00/team/game or practice

The Lancer Baseball Club and Wapsi Girls Softball League are the recognized community based club/league.

The League/Club Maintenance Fee applies to recognized associations and/or teams that submit a pre-approved schedule.

The Adult League Maintenance Fee applies to recognized adult associations and/or teams that submit a pre-approved schedule.

Scheduling Guidelines

The City of Eldridge strives to manage the Sheridan Meadows Park athletic complex in an efficient cost-effective manner that maximizes the community resource to benefit the recreational and business interests where opportunity & accessibility are realized for all.

Events will be scheduled based on their affiliation in the order of National, State, City of Eldridge, North Scott Community School District, City of Eldridge recreational based group, City of Eldridge based club/league, other associations.

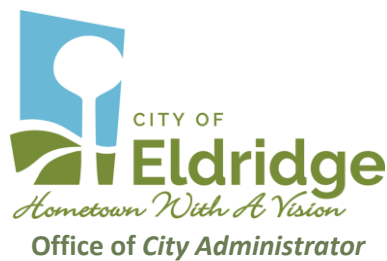
There are two seasons recognized by the City of Eldridge:

Spring/Summer – April 1st through July 31st

Summer/Fall – August 1st through October 31st

The teams season schedule request should be submitted 30 days prior to the season starting. Schedules will be made available to the requesting organization once the City has received the following from each team: Schedule Request, Certificate of Insurance, and Fees Paid.

The City reserves the right to modify and/or change the fees and guidelines as deemed in the best interest of the community.



City of Eldridge Baseball and Softball Scheduling and Fee Guidelines

(Updated and approved April 2026)

Fee Structure

- **Home Club Practice Maintenance Fee:** \$10 per player, per team, per season
- **Reserved Practice Fee:** \$10 per game
- **Reserved Game Fee*:** \$30 per game

*The Reserved Game Fee includes field preparation, which consists of setting bases and the pitching mound, dragging the field, and chalking baselines.

The Lancer Baseball Club and the NS Lightning Girls Softball League are recognized as the City's designated Home Clubs and will receive priority for field reservations.

North Scott Little League and Wapsi Softball are exempt from the Reserved Practice Fee, as their home games are played at Sheridan Meadows and are therefore subject to the Reserved Game Fee.

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