

City of Eldridge Park Board



The regular meeting of the Eldridge Park Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on May 12, 2026, at City Hall.

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

Motion by Shareef, second by Dewulf to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion by Dewulf, second by Spensley to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2026 meeting. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion by Dewulf, second by Shareef to approve the park bills in the amount of \$90,253.32. All ayes. Motion carries.

Public Comment - none

Old Business –

Rupe reported that City Staff evaluated the possibility of a Pollinator Pad, as proposed by Ann Mohr of the Eldridge Lions Club, at Sanctuary Gardens. Rupe determined there was not enough space at Sanctuary Gardens, and instead recommended the Pad be installed at Hickory Grove Park. The Board agreed; Campbell will contact Ann Mohr.

New Business

The Board reviewed the City Council and Board Member Digital Communication Policy.

The Board reviewed the Proposals for the Centennial Park Shelter Rehabilitation Project. Motion made by Spensley to accept the bid from 242 Home Improvement at \$13,500, deducting the \$13,500 cost of the ceiling, which Rupe determined was not necessary. Second by Dewulf. Motion carries.

The Board reviewed the Proposals for the Elmegreen Park Shelter Project. Rupe reported he investigated what other cities have done for similar shelters, and he offered to investigate the cost of a prefabricated shelter kit, issue an RFP for the installation, and have the City crews do some of the work in-house, all of which could lead to significant savings, potentially up to \$50,000. Motion by Spensley to reject the proposals and to look further into this option. Second by Dewulf. All ayes. Motion carries.

The Board reviewed the Proposals for the Lions Shelter Concrete and Posts Project. Rupe proposed rejecting the bids and installing a prefabricated shelter. The Board discussed the Lions Club offer to contribute to cosmetic work. Campbell will speak with Ann Mohr to consider contributing to the

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prefabricated shelter cost instead. Motion made by Spensley to reject the proposals and investigate the prefabricated shelter. Second by Shareef. All ayes. Motion carries.

The Board discussed the replacement of the wood park benches with thermoplastic-coated, perforated metal benches due to the current wood benches' age and condition. The Board approved Rupe's request to apply for any available grants for the benches if the opportunity arises.

Motion by Spensley to adjourn at 7:15pm. Second by Dewulf. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tabbitha Kramer, Deputy City Clerk