

City of Eldridge Park Board



The regular meeting of the Eldridge Park Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 8, 2026, at Eldridge City Hall.

Board Members present were Jill DeWulf, Chris Spensley, Tricia Campbell, Arsal Shareef, and Samantha Nichols. Also present: Tony Rupe, Jeff Ashcraft, and Tabbitha Kramer.

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 August 11, 2026 meeting. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion by Nichols, second by Spensley to approve the park bills in the amount of \$88.22. All ayes. Motion carries.

Public Comment - none

Old Business –

Rupe provided an update on the Elmegreen Park Shelter. Two local contractors are looking at the packaged shelter drawings to determine what they would charge from scratch. He indicated he would know by the end of September and action could be taken at the October meeting to get the construction started.

Rupe updated the Board on the Bandshell construction timeline. Dirt will be brought in this fall with the goal of a full lawn by next summer. The concrete foundation will be completed late fall and construction done by June. Ownership will be handed off from the Rotary Club to the City at some point following completion. The Board expressed some concern about adequate parking.

Rupe presented three options for the Lions Shelter Rehabilitation Project. Rupe explained that Option 3 would be to use a local company to mud jack the concrete, have public works replace the rotten posts and power wash the restrooms. Motion by Dewulf to approve Option 3 at a total estimated cost of \$10,500, second by Spensley. Motion carries.

New Business –

The Board discussed posting an RFP for the Concession Stand Contract for 2027. Rupe explained that there have been no issues with the current vendor, but that the Little League Board had expressed interest last year. Spensley will contact the Little League Board President about the organization's interest in applying to run the Concession Stand and report back to the Board.

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The Board discussed the Band Shell Payment Process plan. Motion by Dewulf to approve the plan to have the City process all payments, with the Rotary reimbursing the City, pending legal guidance. Second by Spensley. Motion carries.

Rupe reported that the Pollinator Patch project is underway. The patch has been sprayed and tilled and the wildflower mix will be planted and emerge in the spring. It will take about three years to completely fill in.

Rupe reported that the Riverboat Grants are out this month and the Park Board will be able to apply.

Motion by Nichols to adjourn at 7:02 pm. Second by Spensley. All ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Tabbitha Kramer, Deputy City Clerk