



**East Moline Park Board
Minutes
Jan 12, 2021
East Moline City Hall Annex**



*Due to the corona virus pandemic and the concern for board members health,
this meeting was held via remote electronic conferencing methods.*

Acting ProTem President, Almblade called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Ald. Almblade, B. Rusch, G. Lowery, T. Johnson, J. Swanson

Absent: D.Kannenber*, R. Cervantes*, M. Spencer*, B.Stombaugh

Guests: Mayor Reggie Freeman

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve minutes of November made by J. Swanson, seconded by B. Rusch All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Lowery advised changes have been made to capture the amount of money that this fund truly has, with the understanding that the Maintenance Services Director also has access to these budgeted funds. The Maint. Service Director will send out a notice of intention to spend on capital improvements prior to actual procurement and reporting general maintenance and operations expenditures after the fact through these reports. Lowery reported an ending balance of \$76,053.21 with several lines of revenue and Expenditures. No expenditures were made. Motion to approve report made by J. Swanson, seconded by T. Johnson. All in favor, motion passed.

Reports from Partnering Organizations: none

Old Business

- 1) **Update on EMLL:** Almblade reported nothing new except a meeting with Mayor is still planned. EMLL is still trying to have a season.
- 2) **Signs for park history:** B. Rusch asked about moving forward with signs for parks documenting their history. She researched Hereford and Lincoln and thought this was good idea. Discussed sign shops. Swanson wants to add QR code on sign to lead people to more history.
- 3) **Park Trash Cans:** B. Rusch wants to know why Lincoln park cans are RI colored and not UT colored. Mayor had no reason but thought maybe that was available paint. To get with Maintenance to change future colors to Glenview or UTHS or related to EM.
- 4) **2021 Fiscal Year Grants:** Swanson to send out available grant listing for everyone to review. To be discussed at next meeting reported that nothing is open right now but should be after first of year. \

New Business

- 1) **Pickle Ball Court – Wiman Park:** Almblade mailed out proposed layout of Pickleball courts for both Wyman and Mitchell Parks. City wanted options for us because Wyman needs a new surface which would put the cost in \$80,000.00 range. The plan in Mitchell Park would be to turn one tennis court East-West direction and use the other court for two Pickleball courts and that would cost in the range of \$25,000.00 range. Swanson had concerns on Basketball courts. It would not affect the basketball courts. Mitchell Park was not discussed at last meeting. No objections to pursuing costs. Swanson thought because of price difference, it should be considered. Need to look at Wyman to park for new ideas and updates. Noise may be an issue for E-W direction. Swanson to research noise levels. Motion to move forward with pricing for both parks made by Swanson, second by Lowery. All in favor, motion passed.
- 2) **Adopt-A-Park program:** Almblade is requesting a lead person to head up the Adopt-A-Park program. Gave details of position. T. Johnson expressed interest in a couple of parks and Lowery suggested co-directors, splitting parks with couple people to reduce work loads. T. Johnson suggested an online form to fill out so secretaries could forward.

- 3) Future Meetings: Still be be via Zoom to things calm down or vaccine is delivered. Swanson offered to use her account for unlimited time. Almlade to take her up on offer. Mayor also offered City zoom.
- 4) Donation: Almlade reported a possible donation to Mitchell Park, a swing set valued at \$4200.00. More to come later.

With no other business, motion to adjourn meeting made by Lowery, seconded by Swanson. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm