



**East Moline Park Board  
Minutes  
May 18, 2021  
East Moline City Hall Council Chambers**



*Due to improved corona virus pandemic conditions, this meeting was held both in person and via remote electronic conferencing methods.*

President Brian Stombaugh unable to attend, Almblade called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Present: Ald. Almblade, B. Rusch, T. Johnson, M. Spencer

Absent: J. Swanson \* G. Lowery, R. Cervantes, Brian Stombaugh\*, \*- called, can't make it.

Not enough for quoram...discussion only

**Guests:** Judy Belan, EM history author

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve minutes of March delayed to June meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Almblade advised an April balance of \$75,943.15 with \$10.68 interest revenue and \$132.50 expenditures on 9<sup>th</sup> Street common park. Motion to approve delayed to June meeting.

**Reports from Partnering Organizations:** none

**Guests:**

- 1) Judy Belan, EM history author introduced herself as historian for East Moline and is credited with Centennial book used to find history of Parks. She has been assisting Rusch in research of Parks. Willing to help in any way on research of parks.
- 2) Todd Stickler, Maintenance Director. Made available by request of Park Board to introduce himself and answer any questions of board members.

**Old Business**

- 1) Update on EMLL: EMLL had 114 registrations of which 47 players of older age were transferred to Silvis Little League as planned. Severe health problems of board members have led to resignations and left board in dire need of new members.
- 2) Adopt A Park no action
- 3) Park Trash Cans: B. Rusch asked Stickler if new cans can be painted school colors or EM colors. Stickler advised he will look into it but currently using paint colors available.
- 4) 2021 Fiscal Year Grants: no action.
- 5) park history: Rusch went into interesting detail on history of parks. Couldn't find hardly anything on Wyman Park. Rusch to type up details of Parks history. Rusch to send QR code info to Almblade for further research.
- 6) Update Park Board Member Almblade to review with Mayor
- 7) Pickle Ball courts: Quotes presented to Council Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and approved by 2/3 majority to fast track. Final cost is \$24,669.00. Expected to be in by late summer. Funds are from Park CIP.
- 8) Mitchell Park – Donation of swing from Lydia Pierce in memory of Jack and Hazel Lundeen Family has being installed.

**New Business**

1. EMLL, consideration of Park funds for Equipment. EMLL president Gary Almblade asked board to consider an equipment donation for next year to help meet expenses. Most seemed in favor, to be discussed further at next meeting.
2. Almblade brought forth an email indicating Candice Richie, who works for the Illinois DNR is interested in doing a clean up and repair project to empire park. Spencer volunteered to be lead person on project received contact information.

With no other business, motion to adjourn meeting made by Rusch, seconded by Spencer, All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm