

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
February 25, 2019

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., held in the Rome City Town Hall. Called to order by President Tina Wilkinson.

Members Present:

Leigh A. Pranger-Secretary Tina Wilkinson
John Martin

Members Absent:

Herman Conley

Roll call a quorum was not present. The board received information from Region 3A regarding the 5-year park plan update.

Interested parties in attendance: Matt Brinkman and Sandra Tamez-Region 3A

Region 3A was present to discuss the 5-year park plan. Mr. Brinkman and Sandra Tamez distributed a rough draft of the park plan. They reviewed the document with the board and made changes where necessary. Secretary Pranger stated she will update the historic section of the plan and send the update to Mrs. Tamez. President Wilkinson asked what the next step will be for the plan. Mr. Brinkman stated once all the updates have been done, the next step will be to have the second public hearing. Then the plan will be submitted to the IDNR Parks and Recreation for their approval. The board discussed the date for the public hearing, due to a baseball meeting schedule after the March Park board meeting. The public hearing will be held at the April 15, 2019 at 6:00-Refreshments will be served.

Baseball Report: Member Martin informed the board they had a meeting on Sunday. They set registration sign up at the School Carnival-March 15 5-7. He noted the Park Clean-up day is set for April 20, 2019- 1-3. Bring cleaning equipment. Secretary Pranger informed the board she is waiting to hear back from (Hostetler Landscaping-574-825-9385).

Football Report: No report-The league will not be using the field until the Park Board gets a handle on the ground squirrels. Purchase Scoreboard and expand parking lot.

Noble Trails: Secretary Pranger informed the board she met with the Rome City Housing Authority and she is waiting on the easement agreement to install the new multi-use pathway. This should be completed by the March Park Board meeting. We will need to work on contacting the rest of the property owners' access through the Bolander property to Sylvan Point up to the gas station and onto the sidewalk across the bridge on State Road 9 onto the top of the Sylvan Lake Dam to Northport Road. The board agreed the path will be multi use for golf carts, bikes and walkers through town only, signs and pavement markers will denote the change from the bike/walk path only

Kelly Park

- a) Vietnam Moving Wall-August in Kelly Park. The Legion asked if they could just cut off the stabilizing posts for the wall level with the ground when the wall needs to be removed. The board stated no, they want the posts removed and the holes filled in.
- b) Treatment of Grubs and winter dandelions (this may help the Ground Squirrels) \$755
- c) Work on this winter-Need to purchase a sign for Olive B. Cole Foundation for playground. The party has been canceled. The recognition of Joe Ackerman for his service on the board will be celebrated in the Spring.
- d) Spring- The board discussed moving the handicap swing to along the paved pathway, so the wheelchairs can access the swing. Secretary Pranger will look into the ADA regulations.
- e) Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffle board courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- f) President Wilkinson stated the Baseball Diamond is still having water runoff issue and needs to be remedied before we pave the sidewalk. Secretary Pranger sated she will see if the town employees can install a drain tile under the sidewalk to catch the runoff.
- g) Work on this winter-Secretary Pranger distributed information on keyless locks for the concession stand. The cost for the keypad will be \$600 and the audit trail and cards to be \$800. The board suggested we check out the website and/or speak to Mr. Shanfelt for more information. They added this is the way to go to reduce the number of keys.
- h) The town guys to install riprap around culvert ends.
- i) Remove dead bush from parking area an install rocks to block entry into grass.
- j) The board stated we need to plant trees around the playground for shade during the summer months.
- k) Spring-Secretary Pranger informed the board that yes Pulver asphalt sated the pathway should be sealed five 5-7 years. Secretary Pranger informed the board Pulver Asphalt will pave the new path to the concessions in the spring.
- l) Work on this winter-Secretary Pranger stated the addition to the concrete pad for the bleacher in Kelly park is on the town employees list as is the batting cage.
- m) Work on this winter-Replacing the backstop at Kelly Park we will need to obtain quotes.
- n) Expanding parking lot behind baseball field for Football.
- o) Rebar needs to be pounded back down on the landscape timbers around the playground,
- p) President Wilkinson stated there is a large woodchuck hole by the pavilion which needs to be filled in.

Grant Park

- a) One Dugout completed, need material list to finish the other one.
- b) Enlarge parking along Grant Street between the fence and road.
- c) Work on quotes this winter-Concrete pads under bleachers.
- d) Work on quotes this winter-to repaint the doors on the concession stand-contact American rebuilders-will need something to put over doorways when getting painted.
- e) Spring-Mr. Ritchie will need clear sealer to do the bathrooms at Grant Park.
- f) Spring-Install the dog poop station in Grant and Kelly Park.

Sycamore Park

- a) Work on this winter-Remake plaque for Eagle Scout Project.
- b) Have trees checked for health.

Lakeside Park

- a) Signage regarding dog poop pickup required.

Gaff Park

- a) Work on quotes this winter-Sidewalk along Lions Drive and Top rim of Gaff Park. Secretary Pranger stated she is compiling the park information regarding the ADA upgrades the parks will need to complete becoming compliant with ADA at the next meeting.

The board discussed possible board members-Bridgette Coe and Kerry Miller. John Martin will speak with Bridgette to see if she is interested.

There being nothing more to discuss meeting closed at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. -Baseball meeting to start at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary