

ROME CITY PARK BOARD Regular Meeting October 15, 2018

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018 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
Dina Holliday	John Martin
Herman Conley	

Roll call a quorum was present.

Interested parties in attendance: No parties in attendance.

Member Conley made a motion to approve the September minutes as presented. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion carried.

Baseball Report: Member Martin informed the board he has not heard from Dave Patton at Juniper Hills, he hopes to have a report for the November Meeting. No word from the Kendallville baseball league to join the three groups to form an EN Baseball League. Secretary Pranger is checking into weed/feed treatment for the Baseball Diamonds and Football Field will be \$50-\$475. The treatment for the winter dandelions for the two Baseball Diamond will be \$189 (quote from last year). Waiting on cost for the Football Field. Member Holliday stated the Bingo hall has a sign board they do not need and wondered if the baseball would want it for the concession stand. Pranger and Martin stated it would probably be better for the Bingo to sell it on Facebook. President Wilkinson asked if the Baseball League turned in their keys. Mr. Martin stated no, they haven't had their year-end meeting yet. President Wilkinson requested the meeting be set as soon as possible.

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

Noble Trails: Secretary Pranger informed the board that Noble Trails would like to know what route we want to use through town. The board discussed running the trail on the south side of Lions Drive up to Park Drive across Lions Drive along the west side of Park Drive along the existing sidewalk behind Sylvan Manor through their parking lot along the east side of the public access drive. Work on getting 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. The board discussed working on purchasing or obtaining easements during the winter months.

Kelly Park

- a) 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.
- b) 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.

- c) Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffle board courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- d) President Wilkinson stated the Baseball Diamond is still having water runoff issue and needs to be remedied before we pave the sidewalk. Secretary Pranger stated she will see if the town employees can install a drain tile under the sidewalk to catch the runoff.
- e) 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.
- f) The town guys to install riprap around culvert ends.
- g) Remove dead bush from parking area and install rocks to block entry into grass.
- h) The board stated we need to plant trees around the playground for shade during the summer months.
- i) President Wilkinson asked if the park board needs to seal the new walkway from the pavilion to the restrooms. She added it looks like there might be some issues with the asphalt. Secretary Pranger stated she will have Pulver Asphalt check this when they come to install the new path.
- j) 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.
- k) Replacing the backstop at Kelly Park we will need to obtain quotes.
- l) Expanding parking lot behind baseball field for Football.
- m) Rebar needs to be pounded back down on the landscape timbers around the playground.
- n) 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) Concrete pads under bleachers.
- d) Rework field this fall.
- e) Dugouts painted to match concession stand-thank you Mr. Ritchie.
- f) Mr. Ritchie will need clear sealer to do the bathrooms at Grant Park.
- g) Install the dog poop station in Grant and Kelly Park as soon as possible.
- h) President Wilkinson asked that the town employees run the leaf vacuum along the fence in Grant Park to reduce spring cleanup.

Sycamore Park

- a) Remake plaque for Eagle Scout Project.
- b) Have trees checked for health.

Lakeside Park

- a) Signage regarding dog poop pickup required.
- b) The bollards have been installed and signs are installed.
- c) Mrs. Adams called to thank the town employees for put up the bollards and signs on the Lakeside Sidewalk

Gaff Park

- a) Fill in ruts and holes from tree and brush removal along south side of Lions Drive and cut back brush.
- b) Discuss with the Housing Authority for the Park Board to add to the sidewalk for golf cart and bike trail.
- c) Sidewalk along Lions Drive and Top rim of Gaff Park.

Member Holliday made a motion to cancel the December 17, 2018 meeting. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

There being nothing more to discuss Member Conley made a motion to close the meeting at 6:30 p.m. second by Member Holliday. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary