

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
March 18, 2019

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 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
John Martin

Tina Wilkinson
Herman Conley

Roll call a quorum was present. The board discussed people who might be interested in the open Park board seat. John Martin will ask Bridgette Coe if she might be interested.

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

Interested parties in attendance: None

President Wilkinson reminded the board the last public hearing on the 5-year park plan will be in April. She requested Secretary Pranger send out invitations to the town organizations to get citizen input. 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 registration is almost complete. He noted the Park Clean-up day is set for April 20, 2019- 1-3. Bring cleaning equipment. (Hostetler Landscaping-574-825-9385).

Secretary Pranger informed the board about the quote to redo the baseball diamond from Hostetler Landscaping. The cost for Kelly Park is \$3,400 and Grant Park is \$4,500. The quote for rolling of the two parks, football field and the two baseball diamonds will be between \$1000-\$1,500. Member Conley made a motion to approved Hostetler Lawn and Landscaping, Inc. the two quotes in the amount of \$9,400. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

The board spoke with Green-a-lawn by phone and asked for a quote to weed and feed both Kelly and Grant Parks twice this year and apply lime to the two baseball diamonds and the football field. Mr. Cassleman stated he will get them a quote within the next two weeks.

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 the easement agreement has been signed and we are waiting on the survey to have it recorded. 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 5-12 in Kelly Park.
- b) Winter dandelions were treated last fall.
- 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) Wait until 2020-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) The board stated we need to plant trees around the playground for shade during the summer months.
- j) 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.
- k) Secretary Pranger stated the addition to the concrete pad for the bleacher in Kelly park will have to wait-we can enlarge the pad and add the base stone. Member Conley stated the water fountain at Kelly Diamond will need to be relocated in order to move the bleachers. Secretary Pranger stated she will have the town employees look into it. possibly move the fountain to the corner of the pavilion.
- l) Town employees to work on the batting cage.
- m) Hold until 2020-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, working on the other just needs the roof.
- b) Enlarge parking along Grant Street between the fence and road.
- c) Hold until 2020-Concrete pads under bleachers.
- d) Hold until 2020-repaint 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) Install dog poop stations.

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 stayed to discuss the upcoming baseball season


President Wilkinson updated the Baseball League on the upgrades to the diamonds and the Green-a-lawn to apply weed and feed and lime.

They discussed the need for some older adults to become involve with the league. Asked that they turn in some names for possible board members.

There being nothing more to discuss meeting closed at 7:14 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.-Public Hearing on the 5-year park plan.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary