

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
October 21, 2019

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, September 16, 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
Bridgett Coe-New Member

Members absent:

Tye Bloomfield

Roll call a quorum was present.

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

Interested parties in attendance: No one in attendance.

Baseball Report: Member Martin stated he has not been able to get ahold of Scotty Ritchie to see when they plan to paint the batting cage. Mr. Martin stated he will just paint the posts himself when he gets some extra time. Secretary Pranger spoke with Scotty Ritchie and suggested the league pay Mr. Lee Ritchie to clean the concession and restrooms. Mr. Ritchie cleaned the facility on October 18th.

Football Field- President Wilkinson stated Mr. Ty Conley will not get back with her regarding the football fields. She suggested we do nothing additional to the field in 2020 until we have a meeting with Mr. Conley to see whether they will be using the fields or not. Secretary Pranger informed the board we spent \$1,626.66 on upgrades to the football field we could have used on another project.

Lee Ritchie-Close up restrooms on Monday October 7th.

ADA Compliance- Secretary Pranger will compile a list of items still needing to be completed.

Kelly Diamond H2O issue: Secretary Pranger informed the board Bonar Well Drilling drilled under the sidewalk and now we need to get Miller Excavating in to install the box drain. Miller Excavating stated they can install the box drain any time after the season is over. Then we can see if the 2 x 8 boards still need to be installed along the backstop. Secretary Pranger stated she will have the town employees install a small French Drain at the outlet of the bored line to keep the water from lying on the surface of the park.

Kelly Park

- a) Movie in Kelly Park- Secretary Pranger informed the board the movie was canceled due to rain. The library said they would reschedule in the spring. The board discussed the installation of a night light on the top of the restrooms closest to the tennis courts. The board stated this can be installed whenever the town employees have time to do the work.
- b) Spring 2020- 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. Member Martin stated we will need to install mulch on both playgrounds in the spring of 2020

- c) Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffle board courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- d) The town guys installed stone around the culvert for the path leading to the restrooms. President Wilkinson stated they still need to install rocks outside the culvert under the parking lot.
- e) The board stated we need to plant trees around the playground for shade during the summer months.
- f) 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. 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.
- g) Expanding parking lot behind baseball field for Football??-ON HOLD
- h) Rebar needs to be pounded back down on the landscape timbers around the playground.
- i) Four benches used for the Vietnam wall have been donated to the Park Department-the board decided to place two of the benches around the playground area in Kelly Park and one on the south side of the play area in Grant Park and one at Lakeside Park by the Play area.
- j) The board discussed the ongoing water issues with playground. The board suggested a small berm be placed on the west side of the playground. Possibly install a French drain in front of the culvert to divert some of the incoming water.
- k) President Wilkinson stated we need to reroof all the buildings in Kelly Park with Metal next year, as all the roofs are in bad shape. Secretary Pranger suggested we send out for quotes this winter so they will be ready to go first thing in the spring of 2020.

Grant Park

- a) Weed spray parking lot and add more stone in Spring 2020
- 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) Fall-Member Martin stated we will need 2 more gallons of the block sealer to do the last bathroom.

Sycamore Park

- a) Have trees checked for health.

Lakeside Park

- a) Secretary Pranger informed the board people are trying to use the small dog station to throw away their trash and it is causing the bag to be spilt. The board approved they move the trash can in the second concrete area closer to the station- to eliminate this problem.

Gaff Park

- a) Noble Trails: Secretary Pranger informed the board that Noble Trails has cleared the trail from 900 N to Lions Drive and the hope to have it paved by API yet this year if the

weather cooperates. Secretary Pranger informed the board Rome City Housing authority Director stated we will need to enact eminent domain in order to obtain the parcel we need from them. She stated the board will not fight us on it. Due to this news, Secretary Pranger is looking into another route. We may need to meet on site to discuss this. Secretary Pranger added we need to meet with Mrs. Bolander regarding her property. We need to get everything wrapped up this winter so we can start paving in the Spring. 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. The board discussed the path coming straight north along the arbor vitae's and curve to the east into the sidewalk along the northeast side of the park. The only area to be multi use will be the top of the dam.


President Wilkinson asked the board to review the work items in the 5-year plan and then list what items you want the park board to work on in the next five years.

Member Coe made a motion to cancel the December 16, 2019 meeting. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Member Coe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28p.m. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary