

ROME CITY PARK BOARD Regular Meeting January 22, 2018

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 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 determined a quorum was present.

Interested parties in attendance: No one present

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

Kelly Park Playground: The board discussed the finishing details on the playground. The area needs to be lined with timbers to keep the mulch from infiltrating the grass. The board stated they will get on this project as soon as Spring arrives. They discussed moving the wheelchair swing to the west end as water is pooling in the east end. They also discussed installing some sort of retention to stop or slow the water down into the playground.

Sign

Secretary Pranger passed out copies of Taggart's quote of \$485 for the recognition of donor's plaque. Secretary Pranger informed the board that Taggart's can no longer get the material we used on the Friends of the Park sign and they would need to use plywood that has been painted and sealed from the weather.

President Wilkinson stated she contacted Affordable Signs –name change to Hoosier Signs; she passed out a sample of the type of board, lettering and cover over the board to make it weather proof. The board was impressed with the sample. President Wilkinson stated they will do the sign for \$312. Member Martin made a motion to order the sign from Hoosier Signs with a white background and green letters (to match the pavilion green). The font to be all the same (times new roman or the font on the sample), with larger letters for the higher money donators. Second by Member Conley. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

The board discussed the drive area to the playground needs to be graded, top soil brought in and seed sowed. Secretary Pranger stated this will have to be delayed until spring and include some water retention work on the south side of the parking area.

Baseball Update: Member John Martin stated he had no update except the baseball board will be meeting on January 23, 2018.

The board discussed the water runoff issue and the need for a new backstop. President Wilkinson stated we need to look into a grant to have the whole diamond reworked. Secretary Pranger will look into possible grants and report back to President Wilkinson.

The board suggested Secretary Pranger have Brett Slone, Kendallville Recreation Director, look at the diamond to see what we would need to rehab it.

The board then discussed ways to get more people involved in baseball league and become board members to keep things running smoothly.

The board suggested that the President and Vice President from the Baseball league attend the February 26th meeting to discuss diamond maintenance issues and the installation of the batting cages.

Kelly Park:

1. It was suggested some water retention be done to the culvert west of the pavilion to help stop so much water from washing out the playground area. Secretary Pranger stated the town guys can look at this when they grade and reseed the ground used for a driveway.
2. Green-a-lawn emailed there is no treatment for Ground moles, they possibly suggested rat killer.

Grant Park:

1. Replace Playground edging-This spring the new timbers can be installed.
2. President Wilkinson stated the dugouts in Grant Park need to be painted along with replacing the roofs and eaves to silver metal. They will need to be power washed and then painted. Secretary Pranger stated Mr. Ritchie is willing to do more hours for the park maintenance next year.
3. The board discussed fixing the yard behind the bleachers and decided to wait until the concrete pads were constructed under the bleachers.
4. The board discussed the state of the parking lot and trying to keep ahead of the weeds. Quality Lawn Care was not contracted to do the weed spraying. The board stated they should install more stone that might help and also **asked Quality Lawn Care for a quote to treat the weeds.**
5. President Wilkinson asked the board to think of some ideas to help solve the parking issues in Grant Park. We need to expand the parking either to the west along Elaine Norris' property or along the fence by diamond. The board stated the most cost efficient would be to make the area along Grant St into parking. This will be looked into this spring.

Sycamore Park:

1. Secretary Pranger informed the board the Conservancy District will have to replace the drain tile from the little pond under the parking lot to Little Lake. A portion has either collapsed or come apart and it is creating a sinkhole.
2. Secretary Pranger also informed the board the Conservancy will need to install a drainage system along the toe of the grass spillway to direct the surface water underground. This project will be done in the spring.

Lakeside Park:

1. President Wilkinson asked who should be maintaining the weeds in the riprap along the sidewalk. Secretary Pranger stated they will have to have Steve Johnson, Aquatic Weed Control, spray the weeds due to their close proximity to the lake. Secretary Pranger will have him check on it and give us a quote.
2. This purchase is on hold until 2018-Secretary Pranger brought up the board how many lake visitors use Lakeside Park to walk their dogs to go to the bathroom. They dock their boats and walk the sidewalk. She suggested a dog station be installed at the end by the public access. President Wilkinson stated the board needs to look into installing the stations in a couple of the other parks.
3. Member Martin stated a tree fell in lake and needs to be removed.

4. Member Conley informed the board he has found a trap to trap the groundhog in the field area. President Wilkinson stated we will need to install snow fence around the hole when the trap is set to keep kids out of the area. This will be taken care of this spring.

Gaff Park:

1. The town employees will cut down the dead tree on the south side of Lions Drive.

General Discussion:

Secretary Pranger informed the board it is time to do a new park plan. She will contact Region IIIA to find out what the cost will be and get back with the board at the February meeting.

2018 Budget

Park Donation Account	\$12,541.85
#119-Park Maintenance	\$8,500.00
#234-Park Supplies	\$2,500.00
#341-Park Insurance	\$3,000.00
#352-Park Light-Don't spend	\$2,500.00
#362-Park Repairs	\$5,000.00
#430-Park Improvement	\$2,500.00
#442-Park Equipment	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
Total	\$30,000 +12,541.85=42,541.85

#450-Town/Park Projects-\$10,000.00

Purchases:

Paint Grant Dugouts/Replace facia and roof with metal.

Sign for Playground-\$312

Gravel for Grant Parking lot and the new parking area.

Next Meeting: February 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion Member Holliday made a motion to close the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted: _____

Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary