

ROME CITY PARK BOARD
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2018

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, November 19, 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

Members Absent

John Martin Herman Conley

Roll call a quorum was not present. President Wilkinson stated we won't be able to make decision as we do not have a quorum. However, since Mr. Tilghman is present we need to hear him.

Interested parties in attendance: Shaun Tilghman was present from Region 3A to explain his lack of communication with the board. President Wilkinson informed Mr. Tilghman the board decided at their last meeting to move forward with the five year park plan without Reguion 3A due to a lack of communication from him and his unprofessionalism at the public hearing. Mr. Tilghman apologized to the board for his handling of the park plan he did not offer excuses but stated he failed to keep in contact with the board, he did tell the board he has been working on the plan and presented a rough draft of the plan to the board. He stated he would understand if the board chooses to not continue with him but he stated he can get the plan back on track and we should be done and have the plan approved by May. He noted, he has some items to go over with the board and some more research to complete, the ADA program needs to be submitted by Leigh Pranger and approved by DNR., then the last public hearing will take place, plan to be update from public comments and then submitted to DNR. Mr. Tilghman stated to get back on track he will need the ADA transition plan by the January meeting. Mrs. Pranger stated she will have it completed by then.

President Wilkinson thanked Mr. Tilghman for attending the meeting to apologize and advised she would contact the missing board members to explain what transpired and hoped to have a decision this week or next on whether to proceed or not.

Baseball Report: Secretary Pranger informed the board she is working to find out who did the new baseball diamonds in Wolcottville hopefully we can hire him to fix our diamonds. 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 and EN Baseball League. Secretary Pranger stated the weed/feed, dandelion treatment for the Baseball Diamonds and Football Field will be \$475. President Wilkinson asked if the quote included grub treatment-Pranger stated she will confirm with Green-a-lawn and get back with the board. President Wilkinson requested the baseball league have their year-end meeting as soon as possible and to collect keys. She tasked each park board member to bring two names of people to the January meeting they think my be good board members for the baseball league-we need to get away from having the coaches be the board members-when the season hits they are too busy to do anything else.

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 she will be meeting on January 8 at 6:15 p.m. with the Rome City Housing Authority to discuss using their sidewalk south of Sylvan Manor for the Multi-purpose pathway. 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) 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.
- b) 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.
- 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 sated she will see if the town employees can install a drain tile under the sidewalk to catch the runoff.
- e) 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.
- f) The town guys to install riprap around culvert ends.
- g) Remove dead bush from parking area an 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) 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.
- j) 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.
- k) Work on this winter-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) 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.
- g) President Wilkinson asked that the town employees run the leaf vacuum along the fence in Grant Park to reduce spring cleanup.

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) Fill in ruts and holes from tree and brush removal along south side of Lions Drive and cut back brush.
- b) Work on this Winter-Jan 8th to discuss with the Housing Authority for the Park Board to add to the sidewalk for golf cart and bike trail. (easement Agreement)
- c) Work on quotes this winter-Sidewalk along Lions Drive and Top rim of Gaff Park.


Secretary Pranger informed the board the third Monday in January is Martin Luther King and she may be going skiing. Can the meeting be moved to January 28, 2018? President Wilkinson and Member Holliday agreed but asked Secretary Pranger to email the other members for their approval.

Secretary Pranger reminded the board we do not meeting in December.

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

Next Meeting: Tentatively January 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary