

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
May 20, 2019

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, May 20, 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

President Wilkinson welcomed Bridgett to the board and informed the board Mr. Tye Bloomfield is coaching a softball games in Grant Park and could not attend the meeting tonight. 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: Matt Brinkman-Region 3A

Update on Five-year plan-Matt Brinkman with Region 3A distributed new copies of the plan to the board for their review. Secretary Pranger went over the changes/corrections she found to the plan. Mr. Brinkman stated the board needs to pass the plan tonight along with approval of the ADA accessibility compliance. Secretary Pranger gave Mr. Brinkman a copy of the changes she found in the plan. President Wilkinson asked why the Rome City School Park was included on the inventory page when the Park Board does not maintain the park. Mr. Brinkman stated he will remove the School Park from the inventory and send an updated copy tomorrow by email. Mr. Brinkman stated once the plan is approved it will be sent to the IDNR for their final approval. After that the board can apply for grants for the parks. Member Martin made a motion to accept the plan with the noted changes to be made. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion carried. Member Martin made a motion to accept the assurance of accessibility compliance. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Baseball Report: Secretary Pranger informed the board Green-a-Lawn did apply the weed/feed and the lime in early May. The board then discussed the issue with the water runoff from Kelly diamond. President Wilkinson informed the board she spoke with Mr. Hostetler about the water issue and how it could be fixed. Mr. Hostetler stated he was not hired to fix the water issues just redo the fields. President Wilkinson asked how the water issued can be fixed. Mr. Hostetler stated that second base and the outfield are higher than home plate and the water jut naturally runs that direction. He suggested 2 x 8 boards be installed along the backstop and then he can bring in more fill dirt to fix raise up the field to level it. Secretary Pranger passed out copies of the quote for Hostetler to do the work. The quote was for only the dirt and the dirt work. The board would have to be installed by the Park Board. The cost came to and additional \$4,200. The board discussed the additional cost over the original quote and felt this was pretty costly. Secretary Pranger stated it took her two years to find someone who was willing to do the work the chances of getting someone else to the do the work-who knows. Member Martin made a motion to approve the \$4,200 quote for Kelly diamond. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. Hostetler Landscaping-574-825-9385. **Secretary Pranger spoke with

Superintendent Conrad White-he stated the whole problem could be fixed by installing a box drain and then bore under the sidewalk to out let the water and it will be a lot cheaper than \$4,200. Secretary Pranger will look into a company to install the drain and will hold off on sending the quote back to Hostetler.

Football Field-Secretary Pranger informed the board Mr. Hostetler stated the football field really needs to be aerated with 4-inch spikes and another dose of lime applied. Secretary Pranger contacted Green-a-Lawn they can do the work however; their aerator only aerates 2 ½ to 3 inches down. Green-a-lawn quoted \$200 for the aeration and \$65 for the lime application. Member Martin stated he is inclined to use Green-a-lawn unless we can find another company with longer spikes. **Secretary Pranger stated she will contact TruGreen to see what they suggest and get back with the board.

Noble Trails: Still 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 8-12 in Kelly Park. Secretary Pranger informed the board it will cost approximately \$250 per restroom to upgrade to the meet the ADA requirements. The board instructed Pranger to purchase what is needed to get the restrooms in order for the Vietnam wall.
- 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.
- 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 to install riprap around culvert ends.
- 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. 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.
- g) Town employees to work on the batting cage.
- h) Expanding parking lot behind baseball field for Football.
- i) Rebar needs to be pounded back down on the landscape timbers around the playground.
- j) Install Dog stations along back of the parking lot across from the new path.

Grant Park

- a) The board discussed the color scheme on the Grant Park dugouts. Roberta Stone, interior designer, suggested we purchase PPG Peppered Pecan-1074-5 for the bottom of the dugouts and PPG Bermuda Sand-1074-3 for the top. President Wilkinson stated she is willing to paint the dugouts after the season ends, Secretary Pranger stated she will help.

- b) Dugouts completed.
- c) Enlarge parking along Grant Street between the fence and road.
- d) Hold until 2020-Concrete pads under bleachers.
- e) Hold until 2020-repaint doors on the concession stand-contact American rebuilders-will need something to put over doorways when getting painted.
- f) Summer-Member Martin stated he might be able to do the clear sealer in the bathrooms at Grant 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-one station on each end of the walkway.
- b) Secretary Pranger informed the board the riprap will be sprayed for weeds.
- c) **Quality Lawn Care** discussed the additional trimming necessary to keep the park looking good and they asked for an extra \$20 every time they trim. Member Martin made a motion to approve the additional \$20 for trimming for Lakeside Park. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion carried. Due to the wet weather they also stated they will be double mowing wherever it needs mown.

Gaff Park

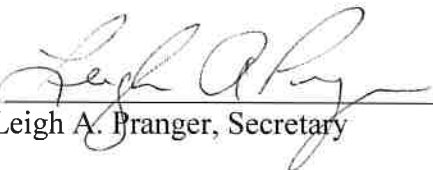
- a) Work on quotes-Sidewalk along Lions Drive and Top rim of Gaff Park.
- b) Install dog station next to pine tree.

Secretary Pranger stated she is compiling the park information regarding the ADA upgrades the parks will need to complete to become compliant with ADA at the next meeting.

The board closed the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary