

ROME CITY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

The Rome City Conservancy District held their year-end meeting on Monday, December 2, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Pranger (as Chairman Abbott arrived late to the meeting) at 6:37 p.m. in the Rome City Town Hall.

Members Present:

David Abbott-arrived late
Leigh Pranger-Secretary/Bookkeeper
Jay Morley

Dennis Hogan
Cheryl Clifton

Members Absent:

John Mazur

Roll call determined a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Member Clifton to waive the reading of the minutes and approve as submitted. Second by Member Morley. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. The minutes were posted on the bulletin board for everyone to read.

No correspondence.

No interested parties in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) David Abbott's seat up for election for January 2020- Secretary Pranger informed the board no one has submitted any documentation to be added to the ballot. According to Conservancy Law an election does not need to be held as David will automatically retain the seat for another four-year term until 1-2025.
- b) Resolution #2019-04-Transfer of funds to pay depleted line items. Secretary Pranger informed the board the transfer of funds to cover the over expenditures in #113 Contractual Landscaping and Park/Public Improvements in the amount of \$1,267.04 will be covered by line items Legal, Travel, Printing and Office Equipment. There being no further discussion, Member Morley made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-04 Transfer of Fund within the General Funds to cover depleted line items in the amount of \$1,267.04. Second by Member Hogan. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.
- c) Resolution #2019-05 Transfer of Funds from investment Trust IN to General Fund to pay the year end bills. Secretary Pranger informed the board the funds in the General will be in the negative after paying December bills. Not knowing when the money for the Fall tax settlement will be coming from Noble County, she is recommending the transfer. There being no further discussion. Member Morley made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-05 to transfer \$10,000 from Trust IN into the General Fund. Second by Member Clifton. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.
- d) Resolution #2019-06 Transfer of funds to fund the 2020 Rainy Day Fund. Secretary Pranger informed the board they can transfer left over monies up to 10% of the budget from the line items to fund the Rainy Day fund. Member Clifton made a motion to approve transferring \$7,500 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Second by Member Hogan. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

- e) Contract with the Sylvan Lake Association for weed control. Secretary Pranger informed the board the contract is the same as last year and Carl Grove, President of the Lake Assoc has already signed the contract. Member Morley made a motion to sign the 2020 Weed Control Contract for up to \$8000. Second by Member Clifton. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.
- f) Port-a-john contract-Secretary Pranger passed out copies of the three quotes she received. Cripe Septic - \$100 per month, Avail -\$96.50 per month and Taylor Rental - \$75 per month all with weekly cleanings. The board discussed whether we should be installing a handicap port-a-john instead of a regular one. Secretary Pranger stated she can get quote for a handicap and send them out by email. However, Taylor Rental always give a discount for having the unit placed for so long and they will probably be the cheapest.
- g) Quote on pond spraying- Secretary Pranger informed the board she had not received a quote yet for the spraying. She stated she will contact Everclear Aquatics again. The board stated if the quote is for the same about as last year, go ahead with the work.
- h) Quote for mowing-Secretary Pranger informed the she sent out the quotes by mail and email and only received one quote back from J/S Landscaping our current provider, the prices have remained the same for 2020. Member Clifton and Morley stated they have been doing a great job. Member Clifton made a motion to approve the quote from J/S Landscaping. Second by Member Morley. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Discuss quotes for Project 1 and 2 Dam Repairs-Secretary Pranger informed the board she spoke with Mr. Molen of Eshelman Excavating and he can do the riprap project by the ton, the board can allocate a dollar amount and he will start at the north end of the earthen embankment and take the riprap as far as he can to the south. Mr. Molen stated he will also remove the trees when he does the riprap placement. Secretary Pranger stated she will keep the board in the loop regarding the start date and she will meet with Mr. Molen to come up with a price per ton on the riprap, so we can figure out how much to money to approve at the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Secretary Pranger stated she still needs to check into a Quad ATV for the next inspection. Rental for this inspection and then look into a used one to purchase.
- b) Overgrown weeds along the old boat ramp area. Secretary Pranger stated a Wesley from Public Access sites-IDNR stop in and he wasn't aware that the IDNR owned any property off North Street. Secretary Pranger suggested they cut back the weeds and then check into the giving the land to the Conservancy District so we can maintain the area. Secretary Pranger stated since nothing has happened since her conversation with Wed, she will contact him again. She suggested having the town employees use the skid loader cutter to cut the area back sometime this winter, if we do not get a response from IDNR. Member Clifton stated she is concerned about something happening and the IDNR holding the District liable. Chair Abbott stated he will discuss this with the IDNR next time he is in Indy.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a) Secretary Pranger had Member Clifton review and sign the reconciliation sheets.

b) Secretary Pranger asked the board to make a motion to approve the fairy and gnome door purchase for either the public access site or at the dam. The amount is \$250. Member Clifton made a motion to approve the \$250 to participate in the fairy door promotion. Second by Member Morley. All in favor-aye. Motion carried

Pay bills-General

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| 1. Twin Six | \$ 25.00 |
| 2. Taylor Rental | \$ 75.00 |
| 3. KPC Media-Election | \$ 16.07 |
| 4. J/S Lawn Care (9/30,10/7-14-22-28) | \$1,400.00 |
| 5. Taylor Rental | \$ 56.25 |
| 6. Geosyntec-inspection | \$4,907.56 |
| 7. NIPSCO | \$ 38.39 |
| 8. Kendallville Library-Door | \$ 250.00 |
| 9. David Abbott | \$ 250.00 |
| 10. Dennis Hogan | \$ 300.00 |
| 11. John Mazur | \$ 200.00 |
| 12. Jay Morley | \$ 300.00 |
| 13. Cheryl Clifton | \$ 300.00 |
| 14. Leigh A. Pranger | <u>\$2,063.84</u> |
| Total | 10,182.11 |


Member Hogan made a motion to approve the bills for \$10,182.11. Second by Member Clifton. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING: -Annual Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business Member Morley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Second by Member Clifton. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

David Abbott, Chairman

ATTEST:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary