

ROME CITY PARK BOARD Regular Meeting November 20, 2017

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. held in the Rome City Town Hall. Called to order by President Tina Wilkinson.

Members Present:

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

Restrooms in Kelly Park and Grant winterized.

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 discussed what they could do to help the guys with the project. Members Conley and Martin discussed several dates to meet on site to set string lines to install the timbers.

Secretary Pranger passed out copies of Taggart's quote of \$485 for the recognition of donors 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 quotes to the board. Sign made of plastic with vinyl lettering for the heading and engraved for the rest of the sign would be \$650; plastic with vinyl letters \$590. The board decided to hold the decision until next year to look into other options.

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 in January.

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.

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. Streb Construction picked up permit to repair the six posts in the Kelly Park Pavilion the cost estimate was \$3214.
3. Secretary Pranger informed the board the picnic table has been placed in the playground.

4. Application for winter dandelion treatment of the two baseball fields was performed. The quote was from Green-a-lawn, they also stated the treatment will help with weed infiltration into the diamond.
5. Green-a-lawn emailed there is no treatment for Ground moles, they possibly suggested rat killer.

Grant Park:

1. Replace Playground edging-This fall 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. Thank you to Board Members Conley, Martin, Wilkinson and Pranger for cutting the re-rod for the landscape timbers.
5. The board discussed the stated 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.
6. 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.

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 this winter.

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.

Gaff Park:

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

