

## ROME CITY PARK BOARD

### Regular Meeting

July 15, 2019

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 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

Tina Wilkinson

John Martin

Bridgett Coe-New Member

Members absent:

Tye Bloomfield-excused coaching football

President Wilkinson stated she will talk with Mr. Bloomfield to see if he is still interested in being a member as he hasn't been able to attend any meetings.

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: No one in attendance.

**Update on Five-year Plan**-Secretary Pranger stated she is waiting to hear from Region 3A to see what needs to be changed. She will keep the board in the loop as we move through the process.

**Recognition Signs-Kelly Park**: Member Martin informed the board he delivered the plaques to the Town Hall. Secretary Pranger stated she will have the town employees install the plaques and the invitations have been sent out for the recognition party. August 19th meeting at 6:30 p.m. after our regular meeting, will be held in the Kelly Park Pavilion. President Wilkinson stated she will help with the refreshments. Secretary Pranger stated we have bottled water and we can get ice from the Bingo hall. We just need to get the cookie and/or cupcakes for the event.

**Baseball Report**: President Wilkinson informed the board the banners were attached back to the fence. The batting cage poles have not been painted. Member Martin informed the board the regular season is over and only tournaments games are being played. Secretary Pranger stated she will contact the board to find out when they will be cleaning up the concession stands and removing the bases and banners from the fields.

**Kelly Diamond H2O issue**: Secretary Pranger informed the board she will have Bonar Well Drilling boring a project on Kerr island and she will have him bore under the sidewalk while he is here. Miller Excavating stated they can install the box drain any time after the season is over. Then we can see if the 2 x 8 boards still need to be installed along the backstop. The board agreed we need to try the less expensive fix first. The board suggested a small French Drain be installed at the outlet of the bored line to keep the water from lying on the surface of the park. Secretary Pranger stated the town guys can do the installation.

**Kelly/Grant Parks-Ground Squirrels**: President Wilkinson informed the board the ground squirrels are still in the park but moved to the fence line of the baseball diamonds and out in the

low ground. She suggested we buy pellets and then install them in the runs. Secretary Pranger will check to see if they have gopher pellets at Rural King.

**Football Field**-Secretary Pranger informed the board TruGreen Commercial out of Fort Wayne did the aeration and seed application. The Grub control was done by Green-a-lawn as they are less expensive. President Wilkinson stated the football field is very bumpy especially since the aeration, she asked Secretary Pranger to check whether TruGreen backfilled the dirt after the aeration.

**Noble Trails**: Secretary Pranger informed the board that Noble Trails is close to closing on the Mayfield property if they get the property soon, Noble Trails will clear and hopefully pave the trail this year. Secretary Pranger met with the surveyor on-site and found the sidewalk needs to be moved the south side of the walkway due to the telephone pole and Guy wire. Therefore, the multi-use path will be built through the recycle area and then turn to the north through the public access site. Secretary Pranger informed the board we will need to obtain an easement or have the property deeded to the town from the Rome City housing Authority-their property runs along the front of the recycle area and through a couple of their parking spaces. Secretary Pranger informed the board she attended the housing Authority's meeting and Cara Sisson, Director of the Housing Authority is checking with HUD to see if they can deed the property over or not. This fall and winter 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 meet the ADA requirements. The board instructed Pranger to purchase what is needed to get the restrooms in order for the Vietnam wall. Secretary Pranger informed the board the Rome City Chamber donated \$475 to the Park Board to be used for upgrading the restrooms.
- 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. 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) Expanding parking lot behind baseball field for Football.
- h) Rebar needs to be pounded back down on the landscape timbers around the playground.

**Grant Park**

- a) President Wilkinson asked Secretary Pranger to contact Green-a-Lawn to treat the saplings in the play area and the parking lot. Secretary Pranger sent out an email and was informed the areas were treated on June 18<sup>th</sup>. President Wilkinson asked Secretary Pranger to contact Green0-a-lawn and tell them the application did not work and see if they will reapply at no charge.
- b) President Wilkinson informed the board she attended a meeting of the churches in Kendallville where they do a day of caring and do projects for the local municipalities and non-profits. They are interested in painting the dugouts and installing the edging at the paly area in Grant Park. This will take place on Sunday, August 25, from 10-12 a.m. Secretary Pranger stated she will get the with town employees to have the supplies at the park for the work day. 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 suggested we have Mr., Ritchie power wash the dug outs prior to painting.
- 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) Fall-Member Martin stated he might be able to do the clear sealer in the bathrooms at Grant Park.
- g) President Wilkinson asked Secretary Pranger to look into some kind of cap to put over the rerod end that stick up around the play area in the parking bumpers.

**Sycamore Park**

- a) Secretary Pranger took this to Betty Lou's to have the plaque remade for Eagle Scout Project.
- b) Have trees checked for health.

**Lakeside Park**

- a) Secretary Pranger informed the board Lyrics on Lakeside will take place August 9th to kick off Chautauqua Days.

**Gaff Park**

- a) Work on quotes-Sidewalk along Lions Drive and Top rim of Gaff Park.

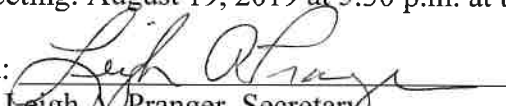
Secretary Pranger stated she is still compiling the park information regarding the ADA upgrades the parks will need to complete to become compliant with ADA.

President Wilkinson asked the board to review the work items in the 5-year plan and then list what items you want the park board to work on in the next five years.

Member Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: August 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kelly Park Pavilion

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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