

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
June 17, 2019

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, June 17, 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 softball

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 passed out copies of the 5-year park plan to the board members for their reference. She informed the board the plan was sent to IDNR and they sent it back to Region 3A with changes to be made. She will keep the board in the loop as we move through the process.

Recognition Signs-Kelly Park: President Wilkinson informed the board Betty Lou's in Kendallville can make the plaques we need for our retiring board members. The board discussed the recognition party for the members. The decided on the August meeting at 6:30 p.m. after our regular meeting. The meeting and party will be held in the Kelly Park Pavilion. Secretary Pranger is to get water and cookies or cup cakes for the event. Invitations need to be sent out as soon as possible to make sure our board members can attend.

Baseball Report: President Wilkinson informed the board she contacted Scotty Ritchie about the banners that were down and the ones that had come undone. She informed the board they have been in this state since the beginning of the year and she had spoken with Todd Patrick, Scotty Ritchie and Lee Ritchie numerous times and no one had put them up as of today. After speaking with Scotty again he stated the banners would be put back up this week and the posts on the batting cages will be painted.

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.

Football Field-Secretary Pranger informed the board she contacted TruGreen Commercial out of Fort Wayne and they do have the 4-inch spikes to so he aeration. Secretary Pranger passed out copies of TruGreen's quote to do the aeration and seed \$873.33 the field along with a grub control application \$400. The board agreed to use TruGreen for the aeration and asked Secretary Pranger to contact Green-a-Lawn to do the grub control. Member Martin made a motion to approve TruGreen aeration and seeding quotes for \$873.33. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion carried.

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 have completed their portion of the 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) Dog stations have been installed.

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 a email and was informed the areas were treated on June 18th.
- b) 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.
- 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) Installed dog stations.
- b) Secretary Pranger informed the board the riprap will be sprayed for weeds in the next week.
- c) President Wilkinson stated the tree limb across from the park needs to be cut down. Secretary Pranger will have the guys cut it down.
- d) Secretary Pranger informed the board Lyrics on Lakeside will take place July 6th and the Poker Run will be on July 13th along with music in the park.

Gaff Park

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

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 6:15 p.m. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary