

## **ROME CITY PARK BOARD**

### **Regular Meeting**

### **May 24, 2018**

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, May 24, 2018 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
Dina Holliday	Herman Conley

**Members Absent:**

John Martin

Roll call a quorum was present.

Interested parties in attendance: No one present.

Baseball Report: Member Martin stated they have started playing ball and the park clean up went well. Secretary Pranger stated she met with Brett Slone, Kendallville Sports Complex about having the field reworked-he stated they do all the fieldwork in house; he suggested we condition the soil this helps loosen the soil and during rain events. Secretary Pranger informed the board Supervisor White contacted Juniper Hills and they will be fixing the water issues as soon as they can work it into their schedule. Secretary Pranger stated the two Pitching mounds to be use by ½ pint and 10U are being used. Secretary Pranger informed the board Supervisor White will be digging out the batting cage and adding timbers on the exterior.

#### **Kelly Park**

- a) Secretary Pranger informed the board the landscape timbers and the regrading, adding top soil and sown grass to the area we moved equipment in and out for the playground is complete. The Picnic table and trashcan will be installed within the next month.
- b) President Wilkinson stated the recognition sign will be ready for installation in May.
- c) President Wilkinson asked about installing a concrete pad under the adult swing when they do the picnic table, to decrease maintenance.
- d) Member Conley asked that the concrete pad be extended to the north. The dugout blocks the view of third base and the outfield.
- e) Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffle board courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- f) Secretary Pranger suggested we check into electronic locks on the concessions stands to reduce the number of keys we have to have made.
- g) Install riprap around culvert ends.
- h) Remove dead bush from parking area.
- i) Add dirt to baseball fields around third base line and scoreboard.
- j) Order 2 –poop stations
- k) Secretary Pranger informed the board Mr. Ritchie is willing to do more work this year. We need to compile a list of things for him to do.

#### **Grant Park**

- a) One Dugout completed, need material list to finish the other one.
- b) Order-1 poop station
- c) Spray parking lot with weed killer and add stone.
- d) Enlarge parking along Grant Street between the fence and road.
- e) Concrete pads under bleachers.
- f) Rework field this fall

**Sycamore Park**

- a) Conservancy District to repair tile in parking lot and fix the draining on the toe of the dam when the weather warms up and dries out.
- b) Remove landscaping around historic sign.
- c) Remake plaque for Eagle Scout Project.
- d) Have trees checked for health.
- e) Order 1-poop station

**Lakeside Park**

- a) Order 2- dog poop stations.
- b) Spraying of weeds in rip rap completed by Everclear aquatics.
- c) Signage regarding dog poop pickup required.
- d) Town council requested a bollard be installed on the east end to stop motorized vehicles from using sidewalks.

**Gaff Park**

- a) Fill in ruts and holes from tree and brush removal along south side of Lions Drive.

President Wilkinson brought up the addition mowing they need to do to keep the parks looking good and not to have a bunch of dead grass left on the lawns, baseball diamonds, Kelly Park and Grant Park. They have been mowing the baseball diamonds twice a week along with Kelly and Grant Parks. She wanted to mow if the board wanted her to continue to mow the parks as needed to be mown to look good. The board stated yes they want the parks to look good and if it takes an additional mowing for a few weeks then it needs to be done. Member Conley made a motion to approve the additional mowing to be charge out at the same rate as the first mowing. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

The board discussed a recognition party for the donators and supporters of the playground project. They directed Secretary Pranger to send out invitations to all who donated and to also include the recognition of Joe Ackerman for his service on the board. The party to be held in Kelly Park pavilion on June 18, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. Secretary Pranger is to provide drinks, cookies and cupcakes for the event.

President Wilkinson discussed with the board how impressed she has been regarding the amount of work the town employees have been able to do this spring and stated she would like the board to provide lunch for them one time. Member Martin agreed and made a motion to have lunch provided from the Park Donation fund for the town utility employees. Second by Member Holliday. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

The board then discussed some jobs for Mr. Lee Ritchie. They would like all three pavilions and picnic tables to be power washed. The dugouts in Grant Park need to be power washed and painted to match the pavilion. Secretary Pranger will contact him to see if he is still interested in doing the work and then discuss pay for the work.

Next Meeting: June 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Discussion ended at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

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