

## ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting  
September 16, 2019

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, September 16, 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

Roll call a quorum was present.

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

Interested parties in attendance: No one in attendance.

**Lee Ritchie**-Close up on Monday October 7th.

**Baseball Report:** Member Martin will contact Scotty Ritchie to see when they plan to paint the batting cage and put everything away at Grant Park. Secretary Pranger will contact Scotty Ritchie to find out when the concession and restrooms will be cleaned-Pranger suggested the baseball pay Lee Ritchie to clean them.

**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 asked Secretary Pranger compile a list of the money we paid on the fields to repair them and then she stated she will contact Mr. Ty Conley to find out why the Football League is not using the field after he asked the board to fix it last fall.

**Church work day, Sunday August 25-**President Wilkinson thanked the board member who attended the work day and stated it was a big success and they were able to get all of the listed projects completes.

**Movie in Kelly Park-** The board discussed the movie night, Aladdin, on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in Kelly Park. Secretary Pranger stated she was able to get Vineyard Christian Church, Steve Herendeen, to sell popcorn and snacks for the movie. They can set up on the basketball court and use the power this will provide light halfway between the movie and the restrooms.

**Update on Five-year Plan-**Secretary Pranger emailed Sandra Tamez stated her goal is to have it complete by September. She has been working with DNR on it and will send us the final plan when it's complete. Draft Submissions for these 5 year plans isn't until January and final drafts in April.

**Kelly Diamond H2O issue:** Secretary Pranger informed the board Bonar Well Drilling drilled under the sidewalk and now we need to get Miller Excavating in to install the box drain. 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. Secretary Pranger stated she

will have the town employees install a small French Drain at the outlet of the bored line to keep the water from lying on the surface of the park.

**Kelly/Grant Parks-Ground Squirrels:** President Wilkinson stated it appears the squirrels are no longer an issue. We may need to do another treatment in the spring.

**Noble Trails:** Secretary Pranger informed the board that Noble Trails has cleared the trail from 900 N to Lions Drive and the hope to have it paved by API yet this year if the weather cooperates. Secretary Pranger informed the board Rome City Housing authority Director stated we will need to enact eminent domain in order to obtain the parcel we need from them. She stated the board will not fight us on it. Due to this news, Secretary Pranger is looking into another route. We may need to meet on site to discuss this. Secretary Pranger added we need to meet with Mrs. Bolander regarding her property. We need to get everything wrapped up this winter so we can start paving in the Spring. 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) 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.
- b) Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffle board courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- c) The town guys installed stone around the culvert for the path leading to the restrooms. President Wilkinson stated they still need to install rocks outside the culvert under the parking lot.
- d) The board stated we need to plant trees around the playground for shade during the summer months.
- e) 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.
- f) Expanding parking lot behind baseball field for Football??
- g) Rebar needs to be pounded back down on the landscape timbers around the playground.
- h) Four benches used for the Vietnam wall have been donated to the Park Department-the board decided to place two of the benches around the playground area in Kelly Park and one on the south side of the play area in Grant Park and one at Lakeside Park by the Play area.
- i) The board discussed the ongoing water issues with playground. The board suggested a small berm be placed on the west side of the playground. Possibly install a French drain in front of the culvert to divert some of the incoming water.
- j) President Wilkinson asked Secretary Pranger to check with Green-a-lawn to make sure they applied a grub control to football field-yes they did on August 30,2019.
- k) President Wilkinson stated we need to reroof all the buildings in Kelly Park with Metal next year, as all the roofs are in bad shape.

**Grant Park**

- a) Secretary Pranger stated the town employees apply weed spray to the parking lot and baseball fields and the play area.
- b) Enlarge parking along Grant Street between the fence and road.
- c) Hold until 2020-Concrete pads under bleachers.
- d) Hold until 2020-repaint doors on the concession stand-contact American rebuilders-will need something to put over doorways when getting painted.
- e) Fall-Member Martin stated we will need 2 more gallons of the block sealer to do the last bathroom.

**Sycamore Park**

- a) Secretary Pranger informed the board several of the benches will need to be removed and relocated due to the freezing and thawing also some of the picnic tables will need to be replaced in the next few years.
- b) Have trees checked for health.

**Lakeside Park**

- a) Secretary Pranger informed the board people are trying to use the small dog station to throw away their trash and it is causing the bag to be spilt. The board approved they move the trash can in the second concrete area closer to the station- to eliminate this problem.

**Gaff Park**

- a) Need to meet to discuss the bike path location-along Lions Drive and Top rim of Gaff Park?.

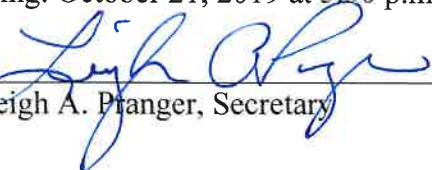
Secretary Pranger stated she is still compiling the park information regarding the ADA upgrades the parks will need to complete to become compliant with ADA.

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 6:38p.m. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary