

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
August 19, 2019

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., held in the Kelly Park Pavilion. 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-arrived for the board member recognition

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.

Church work day, Sunday August 25-Grant Park-install the ties around the play area. Paint the dugouts and the interior of the restrooms. (Paint color for the Restrooms PPG-Peppered Pecan 1074-5 for bottom, PPG Bermuda Sand 1074-3 top and interior of restrooms) Take down the banners and bases store in the back of the concession stand. Clean the concession stand and organize the storage area.

Town Hall-weed and dead head plants in landscaping. Install rocks in the back by the air conditioner and install mulch in the front beds.

President Wilkinson and Secretary Pranger will take care of getting the necessary supplies.

Library Summer reading Adventure- Beth Retterbush informed the board for the summer reading program the library gave the patrons three things to choose from-kitchen tools, building tools and movies in the park. Movies in the park was the overwhelming winner. The Library is asking permission to hold the movie, Aladdin, on September 28th at 8:00 p.m. in Kelly Park. They will provide liability insurance to the board. Member Martin made a motion to approve the movie night. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Retterbush stated they will have the Kona snow cone truck on site and asked if the board knew of any other organizations who might want to provide concessions. John Martin stated he will ask the Boy Scouts and Secretary Pranger stated she will contact Vineyard Christian Church.

Lee Ritchie-Close up on Monday October 7th.

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.

Recognition Signs-Kelly Park: Secretary Pranger stated the town employees installed the plaques and she had Pam Kline make up recognition certificates for the ceremony.

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. President Wilkinson asked if he could find out what the yellow tubing is for and what they plan to do with it.

Kelly Diamond H2O issue: Secretary Pranger informed the board Bonar Well Drilling will be boring under the sidewalk within the next two weeks. 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 she will update the board on their activity at the next meeting. We may need to do another treatment this fall.

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 has closed on the Mayfield and Golf course property they will be clearing the rail line within the next two weeks. API will try to get it paved yet this year if the weather cooperates. 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-Brought approximately 2500 people to the wall. The restrooms by the Tennis Courts are ADA complaint except for the sink faucets which will be completed once we source the correct handle type.
- 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 installed stone around the culvert under the path. President Wilkinson stated they still need to install rocks to the culvert under the parking lot.

- 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.
- i) Four benches used for the Vietnam wall have been donated to the Park Department-the board decided to place three of the benches around the playground area in Kelly Park and one on the south side of the play area in Grant Park
- j) 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.
- k) President Wilkinson asked Secretary Pranger to check with Green-a-lawn to make sure they applied a grub control to football field.
- l) President Wilkinson stated we need to reroof all the buildings in Kelly Park with Metal next year, as all the rooves are in bad shape.

Grant Park

- a) Secretary Pranger stated she will have the town employees apply weed spray to the parking lot and baseball fields.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 18th. 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. Secretary Pranger informed the board a pack of 10 rerod caps runs about \$8 on amazon. The board stated this would be quite costly to do both playground and the parking bumpers. This will have to wait for next year's budget

Sycamore Park

- a) Secretary Pranger had the plaque remade for Eagle Scout Project and it has been installed.
- 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.
- b) Secretary Pranger informed the board the light bulb and ballast were changed in the lights so all the lights are now working.

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 6:18p.m. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:



Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary