

ROME CITY PARK BOARD
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2018

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, September 17, 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	John Martin
Herman Conley	

Roll call a quorum was present.

Interested parties in attendance:

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

Baseball Report: Member Martin informed the board he left a message with Dave Patton at Juniper Hills, he hopes to have a report for the October Meeting. No word from the Kendallville baseball league to join the three groups to form an EN Baseball League. Secretary Pranger is checking into weed/feed and the treatment for the winter dandelions for all three fields and find out if we need to do all the parks for it to be effective. Member Holliday stated the Bingo hall has a sign board they do not need and wondered if the baseball would want it for the concession stand. President Wilkinson asked if the Baseball League turned in their keys. Mr. Martin stated no, they haven't had their year-end meeting yet. President Wilkinson requested the meeting be set as soon as possible.

Football Report: Ty Conley stated the Park Board needs to get a handle on the Ground Squirrel infestation. President Wilkinson stated she met with Terry Sibert regarding the issues with the ground squirrels, moles and skunks. Mr. Sibert stated he does not have the equipment to get rid of the vermin and referred Tina to a company out of Nappanee. The company is American Animal Control they informed Tina that the best way to get rid of the Squirrels -he has a group of sharp shooters which cost \$359 for the Service Call and \$65 per animal. The board discussed the expense of bringing the shooters in and decided to try local hunters to see if we can fix the problem ourselves. Member Conley stated he can get people together to shoot on September 22th. He asked that the town bring out a barricade with a park closed sign they can use when the hunters will be on site.

Noble Trails: Secretary Pranger informed the board that Noble Trails would like to know what route we want to use through town. The board discussed running the trail on the south side of Lions Drive up to Park Drive across Lions Drive along the west side of Park Drive along the existing sidewalk behind Sylvan Manor through their parking lot along the east side of the public access drive. Work on getting 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) President Wilkinson stated it would be better to add a sign to the recognition sign or make a new one to place on the playground itself to add Olive B. Cole Foundation. Then reschedule the party when the sign is installed. The recognition of Joe Ackerman for his service on the board will also be celebrated. 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) Secretary Pranger distributed information on keyless locks for the concession stand. The cost for the keypad will be \$600 and the audit trail and cards to be \$800. The board suggested we check out the website and/or speak to Mr. Shanfelt for more information. They added this is the way to go to reduce the number of keys.
- d) The town guys to install riprap around culvert ends.
- e) Remove dead bush from parking area and install rocks to block entry into grass.
- f) The board stated we need to plant trees around the play ground for shade during the summer months.
- g) President Wilkinson asked if the park board needs seal the new walkway from the pavilion to the restrooms. She added it looks like there might be some issues with the asphalt. Secretary Pranger stated she will have Pulver Asphalt check this when they come to install the new path.
- h) Secretary Pranger stated the addition to the concrete pad for the bleacher in Kelly park is on the town employees list as is the batting cage.

Grant Park

- a) One Dugout completed, need material list to finish the other one.
- b) Enlarge parking along Grant Street between the fence and road.
- c) Concrete pads under bleachers.
- d) Rework field this fall.
- e) Paint dugouts to match concession stand. -Mr. Ritchie is doing this. He will need clear sealer to do the bathrooms at Grant Park.
- f) Install the dog poop station in Grant and Kelly Park as soon as possible.
- g) President Wilkinson asked that the town employees run the leaf vac along the fence in Grant Park to reduce spring clean up.

Sycamore Park

- a) Conservancy District repaired the tile in parking lot and fix the drainage on the toe of the dam.
- b) Remake plaque for Eagle Scout Project.
- c) Have trees checked for health.

Lakeside Park

- a) Signage regarding dog poop pickup required.
- b) The bollards have been installed and Secretary Pranger stated the sign are in and will be put up as soon as the guys have time.
- c) Purchase a picture sign of a golf cart with a slash mark to put on bollards.

Gaff Park

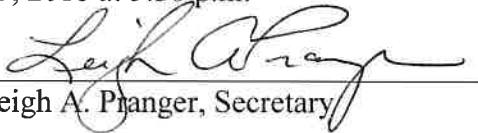
- a) Fill in ruts and holes from tree and brush removal along south side of Lions Drive and cut back brush.

The board discussed the need to keep mowing the parks as long as the weather persists, they stated they want the parks to look nice.

There being nothing more to discuss Member Conley made a motion to closed the meeting at 6:50 p.m. second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary