

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
January 27, 2020

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020 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
John Martin

Tina Wilkinson
Bridgett Coe

Members absent:

Tye Bloomfield

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.

The board discussed the lack of meetings Mr. Bloomfield has been able to attend and suggested we send a letter to tell him we have a replacement and he is welcome back on the board when his schedule is less hectic. Secretary Pranger stated she will send the letter.

Election of Officers-Member Martin made a motion to retain the same slate of officers for 2020. Tina Wilkinson-President, John Martin-Vice-President and Leigh Pranger-Secretary. Motion second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Lee Ritchie-Secretary Pranger will contact Mr. Ritchie to see if he will maintain the restrooms in Kelly Park this year.

Park Clean-up-The board scheduled the park clean up for April 18, 2020 from 1-3 p.m.

Baseball Report: Member Martin stated he will paint the posts, to the batting cage, this Spring. Member Martin stated, he would like to find a replacement for him on the Baseball Board and continue serving on the Park Board. Secretary Pranger stated that will be fine the Baseball representative doesn't have to be a Park Board member they can be a committee member. President Wilkinson suggested the baseball league be invited to the February meeting to discuss the upcoming season, cleaning schedule, and closing of concession/fields for the season. Secretary Pranger will send a notice to the Baseball league to attend the February 24, 2020 meeting.

Football Field- President Wilkinson asked Secretary Pranger to send a letter to Mr. Ty Conley to return all the keys (Chad Conley) for the Concession stand and remove all their equipment from Kelly Park Storage by February 21, 2020. Mr. Conley was to attend this meeting to give an update on the Football League-due to no contact either in person or by phone the board took his absence to mean the League is not interested in using the field. President Wilkinson stated, if the Football League decides to use the field in the future the board will require a signed contract.

ADA Compliance- Secretary Pranger stated the main items we need to complete for this year is a New sink faucet in Kelly Park Restroom and handicap signage and parking spaces.

Squirrel and Fertilizer Issues: President Wilkinson stated we won't know until spring is the ground squirrel round up worked. The board discussed the cost of fertilizing last year and decided we should continue with spring fertilizer and hold off on the fall fertilizer; also, to stop any additional fertilizer to the football field. Secretary Pranger stated she will contact Green-a-lawn to tell them to hold on the fall fertilizer-except for the dandelion spraying after the first frost.

Kelly Diamond H2O issue: Secretary Pranger informed the town employees will install the box drain. 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 Park

- a) New roofs on buildings in Kelly Park. Secretary Pranger passed out the quote specifications for their review. The notices will be put in the News-Sun this month and copies sent to local contractors; for a February 24th open date.
- b) Movie in Kelly Park- Secretary Pranger informed the board the movie will reschedule in the spring. The board discussed the installation of a night light on the top of the restrooms closest to the tennis courts. The board stated this can be installed whenever the town employees have time to do the work.
- c) 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. Member Martin stated we will need to install mulch on both playgrounds in the spring of 2020
- d) Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffle board courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- e) 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.
- f) The board stated we need to plant trees around the playground for shade during the summer months.
- g) 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.
- 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 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.
- 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. Secretary Pranger stated she has added this to the town employees work list.
- 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. Secretary Pranger stated she will send out for quotes this month so they will be ready to go first thing in the spring of 2020.

Grant Park

- a) Weed spray parking lot and add more stone in Spring 2020
- 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) Spring-Member Martin stated we will need 2 more gallons of the block sealer to do the last bathroom.

Sycamore Park

- a) 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) Noble Trails: Secretary Pranger informed the board that Noble Trails has paved the trail from 900 N to Lions Drive and will apply the topcoat this spring. 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 stated the new route will run through Gaff Park and loop to the north east to connect into the existing side walk, through the recycling area and then to the public access and on to Sylvan Point then up to the old gas station across the State Road 9 bridge and on the top of the dam to Northport Road. Secretary Pranger stated she will set up a meeting with Mrs. Bolander regarding her property. The only area of the trail to be multi use will be the top of the dam. Secretary Pranger stated she will be sending out the quotes this month for the trail work on the parcels we currently own.

Gaff Park Trail head: The board discussed the installation of a small parking lot, restroom facilities in the pavilion, benches and picnic tables for trail user to rest. Secretary Pranger gave the board the information Superintendent White gathered on the cost of a grinder station and tank. The board discussed the pros and cons of one bathroom as opposed to two. They decided it would make sense to install two for future growth. They then discussed the cost of the upgrades and the construction of the trail. The Park Budget will not sustain the cost and fundraisers will have to be done.

Fundraising for Bike Trail:

The board discussed fundraisers for the new trail.

1. Send out letters to property owners.
2. Have a Dinner/Dance at the Legion this Summer
3. Car Show
4. Golf Outing
5. Rib Sale at Miller's Super Valu
6. Apply for Grants

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 7:05 p.m. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. Member Martin made a motion to move the February Meeting to February 24th due to President's Day. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried

Next Meeting: February 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary