

## ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting  
July 20, 2020

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 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

Roll call a quorum was present.

Interested parties in attendance: President Wilkinson welcomed Carolyn Johnson to the meeting she may be interested in the open board position.

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

**Cleaner for Kelly Park:** -Secretary Pranger informed the board she hired Dusti Randol and Stephanie Randol. They will be opening and closing the restrooms, cleaning the restrooms and the spraying down the play equipment every day in Kelly Park. The pay is \$75 per week as they will have to clean the playground and picnic tables due to the Covid19.

**Baseball Report:** Member Martin stated he will ask the Boy Scouts to paint the batting cage posts. We will need to provide paint, brushes and wire brushes. Perhaps this can be done when we do the Grant Park Restrooms.

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

**Kelly Diamond H2O issue:** Secretary Pranger informed the board the town employees did install the box drain. They still need to do the finish work on the diamond. 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 this week, a small French Drain at the outlet of the bored line to keep the water from lying on the surface of the park. Reinforcing or replacing the backstop on hold.

### **Kelly Park**

- a) Quotes for Basketball Court Striping- Secretary Pranger informed the board she notified 4 companies, 2 declined to quote. She received quotes from Asphalt Care for \$650 to clean and stripe both courts-Kelly and Lakeside Park. Asphalt Maintenance came in at \$1100. The board asked that the striping at Lakeside only be done for the south basketball goal. Member Martin made a motion to approve Asphalt Care quote of \$650-one goal striping. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.
- b) Tennis Court nets-Secretary Pranger informed the board she searched the internet and could not find net cheaper with no shipping charges than BSN Sports. Member Coe approved the purchase of two tennis nets from BSN for \$444.78. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. The board discussed the idea of adding a pickle ball court to one of the tennis courts-similar to how a volleyball court is inside a basketball court. Secretary Pranger informed the board the cost will be \$750 for the lay out and striping of one court. The board then discussed is the same nets can be used for both tennis and pickleball. Secretary Pranger stated three eye hooks can be placed in the

concrete and net adjuster's can be added to a tennis net to reduce the height of the net for a pickleball court-they run approximately \$40 per court. The board instruct Pranger to look into this for one of the courts in Kelly Park.

- c) Movie in Kelly Park- Secretary Pranger informed the board the movie is on hold until the Covid 19 Stay at home order is lifted. Secretary Pranger informed the board she will have the town employees install a LED night light to match Grant Park.
- d) Spring 2021- 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 2020. It was suggested to purchased large mats to put under the swings for less wear on the wood chips.
- e) Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffleboard courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- f) The town guys will install riprap in the drainage area, between the culvert and the sidewalk.
- g) The board stated we need to plant trees around the playground for shade during the summer months.
- h) 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.
- 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 Gaff Park in the Pavilion. One bench has been installed along with a picnic table, trash can in the pavilion. The port-a-john has been delivered to Gaff Park for use by the Bike Trail
- j) The board discussed the ongoing water issues with playground. The board suggested adding one or two landscape timbers on the west side and backfill with dirt. Secretary Pranger stated she has added this to the town employees work list.
- k) President Wilkinson asked if the town employees could fill in the ruts in Kelly Park from the restrooms to the concession stand. She will mark the ruts with flags. She also mentioned a tree growing in the pine trees along the back side of Chris Moore's property needs to be trimmed. She further asked if the town marshals can patrol thru all the parks more often. Secretary Pranger stated she will contact the departments.

### **Grant Park**

- a) President Wilkinson stated we need to check into the cost of Gutters and snow guards for both Concession stands; with the installation of the metal roof the water is pitting the sidewalks around the building.
- b) President Wilkinson suggested a fall leaf clean up to reduce the amount of leaves we have to pick up in the spring-Secretary Pranger stated we would be looking at late November due to the Oak trees.
- c) Add more stone to parking lot in Fall 2020
- d) Enlarge parking along Grant Street between the fence and road.
- e) Hold until 2021-Concrete pads under bleachers.
- f) Hold until 2021-repaint doors on the concession stand-contact American rebuilders-will need something to put over doorways when getting painted.

- g) Fall-Member Martin stated we will need 2 more gallons of the block sealer and paint rollers to do the last bathroom. Secretary Pranger ordered the Block filler primer is here.

**Sycamore Park**

- a) Have trees checked for health and possible trimming.

**Lakeside Park**

- a) Secretary Pranger informed the board, the rip rap areas were sprayed for weeds. She also informed them the causeway to Kerr Island will be undergoing improvements in the next month or two. A-1 Concrete Leveling will be inserting a slurry concrete mix under the road on July 14-17<sup>th</sup>. River rocks will be placed along the bottom on both sides of the road. Old plants and trees to be removed, topsoil to be brought in, native grasses to be planted, mulch to cover and wild flowers to be sown in the spring. Platforms with railings to be installed on top of culvert along with mesh trash cans.

**Gaff Park Trail head:**

- a) Secretary Pranger informed the board she will be contacting a tree professional to look at the pine tree appears to be dying.
- b) The Board asked that the town employees scrap an area for a parking lot as we are having a lot of usage on the asphalt pad and it is not enough room for everyone to park. Member Martin stated the Boy Scouts could place the landscape timbers and install the rerod, President Wilkinson stated she will look into temporary posts and rope to denote the parking area. suggested another picnic table be placed in the pavilion with a trash can.
- c) Secretary Pranger submitted the start of a cost sheet for the new restrooms in Gaff Park.
- d)The board suggested Secretary Pranger go ahead and send out of for quotes on the new trail so we have an idea of the amount of money we need to raise.
- e) Secretary Pranger informed the board she will be meeting with the conservancy District to see if they would be willing to take on the trail to the north of the public Access as it is adjacent to their property.
- f) Member Martin submitted the drawing for the new restrooms in the Gaff Park Pavilion.

**Fundraising for Bike Trail:**

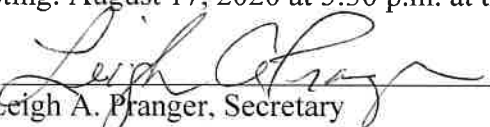
The board discussed fundraisers for the new trail.

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

Member Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: August 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary