

## ROME CITY PARK BOARD

### Regular Meeting

June 15, 2020

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 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

Tina Wilkinson

John Martin

Bridgett Coe

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 interested parties in attendance.

**Lee Ritchie**-Mr. Ritchie contacted the town hall and stated he won't be able to do the restrooms this year as his wife and son are recovering from surgeries. Contact Secretary Pranger with an idea for people to take his place. It was suggested to increase the pay to \$75 per week as they will have to clean the playground and picnic tables due to the Covid19.

**Park Clean-up**-President Wilkinson stated she and Secretary Pranger along with Dan Delong with the street dept; cleaned all the leaves in Grant Park on May 27, 2020. Secretary Pranger informed the board she has ordered the block primer for the restroom, but it won't be delivered until July 3. Once it has arrived, we can schedule another workday. Member Coe stated her daughter, Abby needs to put in Community Service hours and might be able to help.

**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.

**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.

**Squirrel and Fertilizer Issues**: President Wilkinson stated the Squirrel issue seems to have resolved the problem.

**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.

#### **Kelly Park**

- a) New roofs on the restroom and the concession stand have been completed in Kelly Park. The town employee will install metal roofs to match on the dugouts. Secretary Pranger stated she will get the dimensions and order the metal for the roofs.

- b) 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.
- c) 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 the spring of 2020. It was suggested to purchased large mats to put under the swings for less wear on the wood chips.
- 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 will install riprap in the drainage area, between the culvert and the sidewalk.
- 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) 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. 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
- 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. Secretary Pranger stated she has added this to the town employees work list. The board discussed it might be easier to install another row of ties to the west side.
- j) 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) 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 2021-Concrete pads under bleachers.
- d) Hold until 2021-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 and paint rollers to do the last bathroom. Secretary Pranger ordered the Block filler primer should be in July 3.

### **Sycamore Park**

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

**Lakeside Park**

- a) Secretary Pranger informed the board, the rip rap areas will be sprayed for weed in the next couple of weeks. 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, top soil to be brought in, native grasses to be planted, mulch to cover and wild flowers to be sown in the spring.

**Gaff Park Trail head:**

- a) Port-a-john installed for users of the trail.
- 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 or Place ties to denote parking spaces. The board 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) The board suggested Secretary Pranger contact Mr. Spidel when the Covid19 order is lifted to discuss the trail needs and to meet with Mrs. Bolander regarding her 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


President Wilkinson suggested the board do a walk-through of the parks to see what items need repaired/maintenance.

See attached sheet

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

Next Meeting: July 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary