

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
May 18, 2020

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 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.

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-Secretary Pranger will contact Mr. Ritchie once the Covid-19 Stay at home order is lifted, to see if he will maintain the restrooms in Kelly Park this year. Restrooms to be open for June 1st.

Park Clean-up-The board members decided to have a small clean up on May 27, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. to clean up the leaves at Grant Park and finish painting the other restroom with block primer. Secretary Pranger stated she will have the town guys come at 2:00 p.m. with the leaf vac.

Baseball Report: Member Martin informed the board Baseball and Softball have been canceled for the season. Member Martin stated he will ask the Boy Scouts to paint the batting cage posts.

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 we won't know until spring if the ground squirrel round up worked. The board may need to do another ground squirrel round up to keep on top of the squirrels.

Kelly Diamond H2O issue: Secretary Pranger informed the board the town employees did 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 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 buildings in Kelly Park. The color of the roofs-concession stand and restroom-will be Hunter Green closest to the color of the pavilion roof and Strawser Bros. will do the work. The town employee will install metal roofs to match on the dugouts.
- 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 order 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
- 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. President Wilkinson stated we can install two the benches to Gaff Park for the improvements the town would like to do for 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.
- 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 will order the Block filler primer to possibly paint the last restroom.
- f) President Wilkinson asked the board members to have leaf clean up day. May 27th at 1:30 p.m. to clean up the leaves. Secretary Pranger will have the guys bring the leaf vac to the park for the clean-up.

Sycamore Park

- a) Have trees checked for health.

Lakeside Park

- a) Secretary Pranger informed the board, a trash can has been moved closer to the dog station. The trees have been trimmed, dead trees removed, and leaves clean up in the fishing areas.

Gaff Park Trail head:

- a) President Wilkinson suggested we install a port-a-john for the users of the trail. Member Martin made a motion to rent a port-a-john for Gaff Park. Second by Member Cor. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.
- 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. The board suggested another picnic table be placed in the pavilion with a trash can.
- c) The board suggested a cost sheet be made up for the items we would like to install in Gaff Park. 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.
- d) The board suggested Secretary Pranger go ahead and send out of for quotes 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 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 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: June 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary