

## **ROME CITY PARK BOARD**

**Regular meeting  
January 18, 2021**

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday January 18th, 2021 at 5:30p.m. Held at Rome City Town Hall. Called to order by President Tina Wilkinson.

Members Present: John Martin, Bridgett Coe, Leigh Pranger  
Guest: Town Council President Nick Heffner

President Wilkinson asked members if they had looked over last meeting minutes, which were from November and then asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Member Martin made the motion to accept the minutes from November. Member Coe seconded, all in favor said aye. Motion was accepted. Board does have a new member. Doug Maley will be at next meeting as he was out of town working at this time.

Town Council President Heffner attended the meeting per request of President Wilkinson.  
Things discussed:

- President Wilkinson asked for better clarification on how money was distributed to each department and when. Why there was no discussion or approaching the board to see what plans are in the works and where money may be needed for upcoming year. Projects and things being planned for the future.
- There was concern as to the difference in budget for park equipment from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and why the dramatic decrease
- It was stated by Secretary Pranger and President Heffner to start communicating plans and goals for the next year by May, early June as July, the budget is done.
  - Have proposals set up to present to council so that when reviewing the plans, there is room for discussion and adjustments. This will also help make the council aware of what is being done in the parks
- Leigh is still our representative. President Wilkinson nor any other members have to attend council meetings unless they wish to do so on their own accord. It was suggested that attending some meetings wasn't a bad idea just to keep that communication open.
- Secretary Pranger was going to look for code on encumbering to have as a reference for future. It was noted that everything is done by code so there is no grey area.

Now that we have a budget, board noted the need to purchase materials for Kelly and Grant park such as faucets and so on. Also need to get sealer for the block.

### Fundraising for Bike Trail:

- a) President Wilkinson asked members to think ahead about asking different organizations to come in to discuss and help with fundraisers for things needed for the trail such as the restrooms at Gaff Park and other possible opportunities for the park as well. Suggested to look into the Gala at the cellars to have their proceeds go to the park this year if held. President Wilkinson noted that board could have a visual made so attendees could see the plans/goals made their donation would be going towards.

Kelly Park:

- a) Plans for 2021:
  - a. Goal is to move handicap swing in the spring. Adding asphalt underneath as wheelchairs would or cannot get across the current wood chip mulch.
  - b. Shade seems to be lost when the sun is out and temperatures are up. Look at possibly planting fast growing trees for more shade.
- b) President Wilkinson asked about baseball plans for 2021 summer.
  - a. Secretary Pranger stated she would contact board members/coaches to come to February meeting. All past participants have moved up in grades and onto school sports or other local leagues.
- c) Replace back stop or reinforce – currently on hold until next year.
- d) Chain link fence and boards
- e) Dug out roofs-material purchased and town guys to install when the weather breaks.

Grant Park:

- a) Plans for 2021:
  - a. purchase new bumpers
  - b. lay reground asphalt as a base for future paving
  - c. need a nicer picnic table for the concession area – current one is looking pretty bad
  - d. in the spring look at cost for gutters and fixing of cracks in the concrete
  - e. Adding second coat to restrooms-needs to be tinted

Lakeside Park:

- a) 2021 needs:
  - a. Updating current playground equipment
  - b. Extending parking area
  - c. New mulch

Gaff Park:

- a) 2021 Plans:
  - a. Restroom construction – contractor and set schedule
  - b. Port a john – start in April possibly end of March
  - c. Still plan for trail to run up lions drive/St Rd 9
  - d. Members voiced concerns of parking area looking small and not placed where it drawn up. Secretary Pranger said she would go and measure it and look into it.

Member Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52p.m. Second by Member Coe. All in favor – aye, Motion carried.

Next Meeting February 22, 2021 at 5:30 – moved due to President's day