

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
November 21, 2022

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 5:32 p.m., held in the Rome City Town Hall. Called to order by President Wilkinson.

Members Present:

Leigh A. Pranger-Secretary	Doug Maley
Tina Wilkinson	Bridgett Coe
John Martin	

Roll call a quorum was present.

Interested parties in attendance: No one in attendance.

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

Softball/Baseball-Secretary Pranger stated the softball will be meeting in January to discuss the 2023 sign up/registration.

Secretary Pranger to contact Region IIIA to start on Park Plan for 2024.

The board stated the April meeting needs to be a walk through of the all parks to determine what needs to be done for the season.

Kelly Park

- a) Concession Door received back from American Rebuilders, waiting on guys to install. Once the door is installed Secretary Pranger will contact Snyder's Locksmith to install the keypads.
- b) *Kelly Park Playground-wheelchair swing frame arrived for Spring installation.
- c) *Replace baseball back stop or reinforce-on hold- fill in hole around manhole behind home plate.
- d) Look into reconstruction of tennis courts for future planning.
- e) *Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffleboard courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- f) *The board stated we need to plant trees around the playground for shade during the summer months. ARC said no to the Spring Fling auction but will consider a donation to plant trees.
- 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 moving the fountain to the corner of the pavilion.

Dog Park -Change name to Off Leash Area-Location between Kelly Park and Grant Park:

Member Maley passed out copies of the dog park flyer and Pranger informed the board the flyer and the donation QR Code is on the website, and they will keep track of the donations and who is making them. Member Maley informed the board Olivia Ruff (sheepdog)-anything is pawsible in Rome City, now has a Facebook page to get the word out about the Off Leash area. He asked the board members to friend her on Facebook. Member Maley is working on a total for the whole project and ideas to help recognize donations. (Benches, trees, Dog Station, Signage, picnic table, dog exercise stations, fence, water fountain) Member Maley is looking into grants for dog parks. Secretary Pranger contacted our insurance company they stated a dog park is included in our coverage at no additional cost. See attached email from Ramer Insurance.

****President Wilkinson informed the the cost to mow the area may increase due to the additional cleaning from the dog poop.**

Grant Park

- a) Replacement spring for the airplane arrived.
- b) The board decided to hold off on installing the parking lot to see how many kids we have sign up for softball and baseball.
- c) Secretary Pranger informed the board she is working on park rules to be passed by ordinance. She is checking with other towns to see what kind of rules they have.
- d) *Hold until 2024-Concrete pads under bleachers.

Sycamore Park

- a) Nothing on the agenda.

Lakeside Park

- a) Member Maley presented the board with a quote for a 12' black vinyl coated fence around the half-court basketball court (a pickle ball court with a pull-out net) in the amount of \$14,250. He noted the yellow basketball post will be used as an anchor post for the fence, we will need to paint it with black metal paint. Member Maley stated he will look into finding someone to bore through the concrete to install the basketball goal on the north side. Member Martin made a motion to encumber funds from this year for the construction of the fence in 2023. Second by Member Maley. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.
- b) Secretary Pranger stated the striping and crack-filling, should be done prior to the installation of the fence. She will contact the striping company **again** for a quote for the next meeting. This will be on the existing concrete parking lot. Member Maley stated he is speaking with Tiger Coating to get a quote for the crack fill and striping-\$6,000.
- c) Member Maley showed the board his power point on items that might be considered for the playground area. Musical Flowers \$1600, Xylophone \$6000, Musical Bench. He showed the board play equipment in the shape of a boat-the board expressed interest to keep with the lake theme. Exercise Stations for adults and kids could be added along the sidewalk. Secretary Pranger showed the board a new catalog from Summit Supply with ideas for a musical park or adult workout stations.
- d) Contact American Rebuilders about painting the merry-go-round.
- e) Playground upgrade: Look into cost of adding a climber to the play area and rubberized coating on the ground.
- f) The board discussed the idea of renting piers along the lake front. Many issues were discussed: liability on piers, lottery draw for piers, adjacent owners not getting the draw and having other persons in front of the their homes all hours of day and night etc...

Gaff Park Trail head:

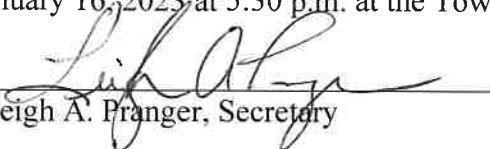
- a) Secretary Pranger informed the board we have received the well permit. She contacted Eric Bonar to set up a date to install the well. Waiting for a return call. We must submit well information to IDEM a minimum of 10 days before the well is installed. The well will cost around \$8000
- b) The board stated the fixtures can be set in the restrooms as soon as the painting is complete. Pranger will inform the town utility workers.
- c) *location for President Furlow's bench-Pranger suggested it be installed between the pine trees at the public access-There will be room we will need to place a concrete or asphalt pad.
- d) Need to Design plaque for water fountain-Sylvan Lake Association. Pranger is looking into a sticker to be placed on the fountain showing the sponsor.
- e) The board tentatively set the **Park Opening Celebration for Memorial Weekend-exact date to be determined.**

ARC meeting with Park Board Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. Sylvan Cellars.

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: January 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary