

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
August 21, 2023

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., held in the Rome City Town Hall. Called to order by President Wilkinson.

Members Present:

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

Roll call a quorum was present.

Interested parties in attendance: No one in attendance.

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

Softball/Baseball-Secretary Pranger informed the board the softball league will be holding a year-end meeting and the concession stand has been cleaned. The board discussed a way to have the fields used more throughout the season. Adult leagues were discussed, President Wilkinson stated we should contact Josh Havert to see if he knows of any adult leagues looking for a field.

Fundraisers: Thank you sent out to sponsors of tournaments.

Concert in Gaff Park: June 7 2024 Discussed possible Bands-Whoa Man, Wallen Road, Mason Dixon Line. Food Trucks

FYI for 2024 Chautauqua Days tournaments: The board stated the pickleball and corn hole tournaments went well. We made \$1,160.90 in profit. The board discussed getting the notices and sponsors sooner in the year to better advertise the events. We need to add an amateur bracket to the event and keep the professional bracket to include more of the local participants. We need to advertise the Pickleball tournament at the Community Learning Center, Augusta Hills and Lagrange Parks. Next year's date will be August 10, 2024, President Wilkinson suggested we have registration at 8:00 am. and start the games at 8:30 a.m. Games will last about 2 hours. President Wilkinson stated we will need some small prizes- suggested Gift Cards 1st place \$20, 2nd Place \$15 and 3rd Place \$10. We will need a total of six since we are awarded men and women.

The Cornhole Tournament will be run by Doug Eby Hidden Ego \$500 to run tournament. He suggested a purse of \$1000 and to get a business or business to sponsor it. If we charge \$25 per person 10 teams=\$500 and 20 teams=\$1000. The Town Council approved BYOB coolers for the corn hole tournament. The board discussed running a small concession stand during the event. President Wilkinson stated we can have hotdogs and pork burgers with chips and a water.

FYI for July 6, 2024 Fundraiser: The fireworks will be held on July 6th. The board discussed moving forward to secure the food trucks for the event on Front Street. The board discussed purchasing a banner to limit Pepperoni's parking to Customers Only-No fireworks parking and also speak with Chapman's to sell pizza by the slice. Fund raiser 2024 Playground at Lakeside Park-. Close street 3:30 p.m. Trucks to arrive by 4:00 p.m. Town Council approved road closure. Want trucks to stay until 9:00 p.m.

1. Tyrone's Dawgs-Hotdog cart. Replace Ed's Fish and More-Bridgett-canceled on us on Thursday of the event.
2. Street Taco's-Bridgett (Pull Through)
3. Party on the Patio-Doug (Drivable)
4. Hitchin' Kitchen-Tina (Pull Through)
5. Brewhouse BBQ-Doug confirmed on May 1st (Pull Through)
6. Kona Ice-Tina (Drivable)

President Wilkinson reiterated to the member that the truck owners know they are expected to make a donation of \$100 to be a participant. President Wilkinson contacted Noble County Disposal and they will bring trash cans for the August event. The board discussed the location of the trucks to be on Front Street along the parking spaces on the north side. The board discussed the location of the port-a-johns for this year. Secretary Pranger stated she confirmed with Pepperoni's Pizza the location will be on their lot in the southwest corner.

Discussion on overnight parking in Gaff and Lakeside Parks: Secretary Pranger informed the board that the parking in both parks are being utilized by home owners and Air B n B rentals for overflow parking. The spaces are being taken up and does not allow space for daily users of the parks. The board came to a consensus the parks are for everyone and no one should be using them for personal use. Member Maley made a motion to prohibit overnight parking in Gaff and Lakeside Parks. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. Secretary Pranger stated an ordinance will be developed and brought to the town council for their approval. Pranger will let the board know when the ordinance will be in front of the TC approval.

Kelly Park

- a) The Mommy and me swing has been ordered.
- b) Tennis court posts received hope to be installed by the next meeting.
- c) The board discussed redoing the tennis courts into one tennis court and two pickleball courts. The board stated we need to obtain quotes so we can encumber funds from 2023 budget to have the work performed in 2024. Secretary Pranger stated she can contact K and M Asphalt and Pulver Asphalt (to see if they do courts) for quotes. If the board knows or any other companies, they would forward the contact information.

Grant Park

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

The board discussed Grant Dog Park. Member Maley stated they dug the holes and installed the posts for the dog park. Working on stringing the fence and lowering the existing fence. Secretary Pranger stated the signage for the park has been ordered. Member Maley stated he is closing the brick fundraiser and working on getting the brick to have them engraved. The board stated we can move a bench from Gaff Park and put it in the dog park. Member Maley asked for suggestions on landscaper to install the bricks. (Rookeif, Schmidt Services, Lake Country)

Sycamore Park

- a) The board discussed the need for a hitching post in Sycamore Park so the Amish quit tying their horses to the trees. Secretary Partner suggested we contact the Amish bishop and ask them to maintain a poop station, so the manure is not leaching into the Little Lake. President Wilkinson stated she might have a contact.

Lakeside Park

- a) Install half court basket/pickle ball along Park Drive or next to the fence by Sturdivant's.
- b) Playground upgrade: The board instructed Pranger to contact the play equipment company Summit Supply, USA and Play Time to begin the design of the playground. First step in working to getting a grant for the equipment. President Wilkinson stated she will contact, Noble County Community Foundation, Dekko, and Cole Foundation regarding their grant cycles. Cole and Noble Community Foundation have November deadlines with money distribution in February 2024.
- c) Discuss getting a landscaper to install native Indiana trees along lake this fall.

Gaff Park Trail head:

- a) The board discussed expanding the parking lot to the north. Need a drawing with dimension to give to the town guys to do the work.

b) Member Martin stated he is willing to donate a Reverse osmosis system to Gaff Park for the water fountain. Secretary Pranger said she will have Scott Neukom get in touch with Member Martin on the installation.

2023 Budget

Park Donation Account \$24,448.87


#119-Park Maintenance	\$5999.20
#135-Contractual	\$4000.00
#234-Park Supplies	\$2306.63
#341-Park Insurance-Don't Spend	\$ 199.58
#352-Park Light-Don't spend	\$2840.35
#362-Park Repairs	\$2782.76
#430-Park Improvement	\$11,645.00
#442-Park Equipment	<u>\$10953.93</u>
Total	\$40,727.45 +24,448.87=\$65,176.32

Town/Park Project \$14,693.30

Member Martin a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary

Old Items

Kelly Park

- a) *Replace baseball back stop or reinforce-on hold- fill in hole around manhole behind home plate.
- b) Look into reconstruction of tennis courts for future planning.
- c) *Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffleboard courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- d) *

Grant Park

- a) *Hold until 2024-Concrete pads under bleachers.

Lakeside

- a) 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.
- b) The board requested Pranger look into a possible grant for the installation of a small boat ramp at the east end of Lakeside Park. Pranger stated there is money available through Land & Water Conservation funds for this type of project. Boat ramp for kayak, canoes, and paddleboards-Land Water Conservation Grant

*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.