

**ROME CITY PARK BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 28, 2022**

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022 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
Doug Maley	

Roll call a quorum was present.

Interested parties in attendance: No one present.

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

Update on Bike Racks from IMPACT-Secretary Pranger informed the board Cheryl Clifton stated she understood that Tina Wilkinson was working with IMPACT regarding the placement of the bike rack. President Wilkinson stated she will contact IMPACT.

Update on Softball/Baseball League: Secretary Pranger informed the board the league has 4 softball teams and one baseball team. They are working on uniforms, coaches, equipment, and sponsors.

Park Cleanup-April 9th

**Park Signage:** Secretary Pranger informed the board the message board has arrived and she need to get the measurement for the donation plaques. There is four feet one inch between the upright posts, we can install a piece of Brown Trex approximately four inches wide to attach the plaques. Secretary Pranger stated she will order the plaques and the next time the guys run to Menards they will pick up a board.

**Kelly Park**

- a) \*Kelly Park Playground-On hold until spring-need to relocate handicap swing to be accessible.
- b) \*Replace baseball back stop or reinforce-on hold- recess and fill in hole around manhole behind home plate. Check for moles activity this spring.
- c) \*Tennis/Pickleball Courts-pickleball nets removed and stored in Town Manager's office. Look into reconstruction of tennis courts for future planning.
- d) \*Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffleboard courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- e) \*The board stated we need to plant trees around the playground for shade during the summer months. Ask ARC if we can add trees to the Spring Fling auction.
- f) \*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.

- g) \*Parking lot needs to be sealed-Secretary Pranger to send out for quotes at the April Meeting.
- h) President Wilkinson stated we need order replacement parking bumpers for Kelly Park.

**Dog Park Location between Kelly Park and Grant Park:** Member Maley to contact Arrow Fence for quote on fencing (2 gates) in the area. Need to treat grass. Buy bench and picnic tables with umbrellas, Arborvitae planted along the west side and planting of 4-5 shade trees, dog waste receptacle. Pranger will do some research.

### **Grant Park**

- a) American Rebuilders-Secretary Pranger has not been able to contact them so the billing will be coming out of this year's money. Once the rest of the work is complete (Door frames on storage, restrooms and concession still need painted)
- b) President Wilkinson asked Secretary Pranger to gather some quote to bulldoze the fence line on Grant for additional parking this season. Then reground asphalt can be installed.
- c) \*Hold until 2023-Concrete pads under bleachers.
- d) \*Repaint south restroom.
- e) Parking Bumpers need to be reinstalled.

### **Sycamore Park**

- a) Nothing new

### **Lakeside Park**

- a) \* President Wilkinson stated we need to send out a notice on Facebook to determine interest in installing a new playground and ½ court basketball court. Invite citizens to March meeting to discuss. Secretary Pranger will make up a flyer for Facebook.
- b) \*Check into a half-court basketball court to separate the parking lot and install new basketball goal.
- c) Secretary Pranger-printed off a copy of Land Water conservation grant information.

### **Gaff Park Trail head:**

- a) \*location for President Furlow's bench-Pranger suggested it be installed between the pine trees at the public access-need to check to see if there is enough room.
- b) Secretary Pranger informed the board she met with the surveyor to survey the easement needed for the new well, once we have a signed easement with James Jenkins, we can finish the application to IDEM.
- c) Design plaque for water fountain-Sylvan Lake Association.
- d) \*Member Maley offer to research the fixtures for the restrooms- to order fixtures for restrooms.

The board discussed the opening of the Gaff Park restrooms/message board/drinking fountain. (Trailhead). The board discussed asking to park at American Elegance for the event, bringing in food trucks, Music-Pranger to contact Chamber for their contacts from Lyrics on Lakeside, Park Board to provide Cake and water for the celebration, ask local non-profit to attend and stump for their groups-ARC, Chamber, Lions, GSP, Library, Noble Trails, display business cards and

flyers for groups and businesses not in attendance. The board asked Pranger to get a 2-sided banner to advertise the event. (Gaff Park celebration June 3<sup>rd</sup>-Food Trucks, Music, RC info)

The board also worked on the Food Truck event for July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Food Trucks

Street Tacos-June 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Holy Smokes-June 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup>


Kona Ice-July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Board to check with Sundaes on Sylvan and Vineyard Christian Church.

Member Coe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for the regular meeting, 6:00 p.m. open for public discussion on Lakeside Park at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary