

## ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting  
~~February 28, 2022~~ → March 21, 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 Vice-President John Martin Wilkinson.

Members Present:

Leigh A. Pranger-Secretary    John Martin  
Doug Maley

Members Absent:

Tina Wilkinson                      Bridgett Coe

Roll call a quorum was not present.

Interested parties in attendance: Roberta Stone-Rome City Chamber and ARC.

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

Update on Bike Racks from IMPACT-Member Maley stated he will contact IMPACT to find out about the bike racks.

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 9<sup>th</sup> 1-3 p.m.

**Park Signage:** Secretary Pranger informed the board she will work with the town guys to get the sign installed in the next couple of weeks. Pranger will order the plaque.

### **Kelly Park**

- a) \*Kelly Park Playground-need to relocate handicap swing next to the sidewalk 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 have been installed for the spring. 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 for the April Meeting.
- h) President Wilkinson stated we need order replacement parking bumpers for Kelly Park. Secretary Pranger stated she will contact Slater's and have them drop a pallet of bumpers to the street garage.

**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. Member Maley took the dog park book Pranger collected, he will review and get back with the board.

### **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 to open at the April Meeting. Then reground asphalt can be installed.
- c) \*Hold until 2023-Concrete pads under bleachers.
- d) \*Repaint south restroom-park cleanup.
- e) Parking Bumpers have been reinstalled.

### **Sycamore Park**

- a) Nothing new

### **Lakeside Park**

- a) \*Secretary Pranger informed the 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 buying the water faucets that turn off automatically. They told Maley to move forward with the purchase of the fixtures. Secretary Pranger stated we have an account at Menard's she will get with the Clerk-Treasurer to find out how to order them on our account.

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

Dougie's Hotdogs-~~June 3<sup>rd</sup>~~ and July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Carey's Cakery-July 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

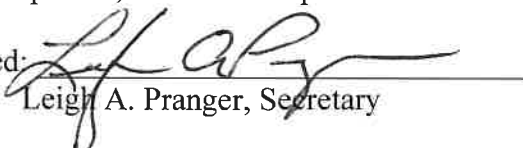
#### Lakeside Park improvement discussions:

The board thanked Roberta Stone for attending the meeting. Ms. Stone stated she wished it wasn't a parking lot, it seems the kids are always vying for the basketball court with the cars parking in the lot. The board stated that they were looking into adding a half court basketball area to alleviate the problems with the cars. Member Maley stated the board is looking to update the existing play equipment. Roberta stated the light posts are great however, the timers need to be set forward in August to accommodate the sun setting earlier. She added the board might want to consider more benches along the lake. She suggested the Park Board get with the Library once the bike trail is installed and ask them to add another reading/walking trail to Gaff and Lakeside Parks. She also suggested the board look into a musical park with instruments like tires for drums, pipes for horns etc. The board stated they are looking into installing an amphitheater in Gaff Park and the a musical park would be a nice accent.

Member Maley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary