

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting

April 18, 2022

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., held in the Rome City Town Hall. Called to order by President Wilkinson.

Members Present:

Leigh A. Pranger-Secretary John Martin

Doug Maley

Tina Wilkinson

Bridgett Coe

Roll call a quorum was present.

Interested parties in attendance: Rhonda Stienecker-Rome City ARC.

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

1) Update on Bike Racks from IMPACT-Member Maley stated he has been in contact with a Rob and President Wilkinson stated she has contacted Penny Alwine to find out about the bike racks.

President Wilkinson sent the quote received from Clay Moore, instructor at IMPACT, to Mrs. Alwine. IMPACT is in the process of tracking down the break down in communication. As they are not sure they will be able to complete the bike racks by the end of school and for the originally quoted price. Member Coe stated if they can build the bike racks, she knows a person who can powder coat them. President Wilkinson suggested the board look over bike racks made by Summit Supply for the board to order should IMPACT back out. The board has already collected money from QSI Automation and ARC for the bike racks. The board agreed.

2) Update on Softball/Baseball League: Secretary Pranger informed the board the league held their annual clean up on April 9th. They cleaned the concession stands and the storage areas. Along with sorting the banners to be attached to the fences. Pranger will look into the scoreboard operators and have a community service person clean up the leaves in Grant Park before the games start for the season. Pranger will also contact a company to roll the outfields. Pranger contacted our current lawn service to have them give a quote. The quote is for \$275 to roll baseball fields and surrounding areas. Member Martin made a motion to approve the quote for the rolling and second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion carried. Pranger will contact our weed control company to treat the two diamonds for mole activity. Pranger will have the town guys spray weed killer on both diamonds. President Wilkinson asked for a list of contacts on the softball/baseball league in case something needs to be taken care of.

3) Park Signage: Secretary Pranger informed the board she and Member Martin marked the location of the sign, and the town guys will install it this week. Pranger passed around the plaque to be posted for sponsorship of the sign. Pranger informed the board she will drop off the maps for lamination at the Kendallville Library for placement in the message board.

4) Pranger informed the board she received a request from the library to allow metal detecting in the parks. Kendallville makes the operators obtain a permit. The board instructed Pranger to contact Kendallville to get more information on their permit and where they allow metal detecting.

Kelly Park

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- a) *Kelly Park Playground-need to relocate handicap swing next to the sidewalk to be accessible. -the Park Board instructed Pranger to get quote to install and asphalt walkway to the east of the playground to move the handicap swing and install benches. Replace handicap swing with a mommy and me swing.
- b) *Replace baseball back stop or reinforce-on hold- recess and fill in hole around manhole behind home plate.
- c) 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-Pranger will contact them.
- 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 May Meeting.
- h) President Wilkinson stated we need order replacement parking bumpers for Kelly Park. Secretary Pranger stated she contacted Slater's and they were supposed to have dropped a pallet of bumpers (16) at the street building.

Dog Park Location between Kelly Park and Grant Park: Member Maley passed out the quote from Arrow Fence for the fencing (2 gates). Residential Fence \$10,500 and Commercial \$12,500. Member Maley stated we will need to lower the fence as the current fence is about 10 inches off the ground. Member Maley informed the board the entry for the dogs and owners must have a transition area for the dog to be inside the play area and remove form its lease without letting other dogs out of the play area. He further noted the area for equipment to access the play will need to be 2-4-foot gates as the mowers run approximately 60" wide. He would also like to install a "V" section of trees for shade to have mulch placed around them. President Wilkinson stated the soil is very sandy and he will need get trees that can survive that type of soil. Member Maley stated he would like to plant some sapling along the south end for future shade. 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. After some discussion the board stated their focus, this year should be on Lakeside Park as we have already announced this to the public.

Grant Park

- a) American Rebuilders-Secretary Pranger contacted Scott and he stated he will schedule the work to be done as soon as possible. (Door frames on storage, restrooms and concession still need painted)
- b) President Wilkinson asked Secretary Pranger informed the board she requested quotes from Eshelman Excavating and Miller Backhoe and only received one quote for the bulldozer work along the fence line on Grant for additional parking this season. Miller Backhoe & Excavating submitted a bill for \$735 to remove the soil from the site. Pranger informed the board the reground asphalt to fill the area will be 7 triaxle loads,

hopefully we will have enough for this project from the street repaving on the North side of the lake. Member Martin made a motion to approve Mille Backhoe's quote. Second by Member Maley. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

- c) *Hold until 2023-Concrete pads under bleachers.
- d) *Repaint south restroom-Member Maley stated he has applied one coat to the restroom and will stop by this week to see if it needs another coat.

Sycamore Park

- a) Nothing new

Lakeside Park

- a) *Secretary Pranger stated we need to send out another notice on Facebook to determine interest in installing a new playground and ½ court basketball court. Invite citizens to which 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. Install along the fence by Frank Sturdivant body shop.
- c) Secretary Pranger-printed off a copy of Land Water conservation grant information.
- d) Lakeside Park improvement discussions:
- e) 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 a installing an amphitheater in Gaff Park and the a musical park would be a nice accent.

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 the easement has been signed and taken to the courthouse for recording. The recorder copy will be sent to IDEM as soon as it is received.
- c) Design plaque for water fountain-Sylvan Lake Association. Pranger is looking into a sticker to be placed on the fountain showing the sponsor.
- d) *Member Maley stated the toilets and plumbing are in the east restroom. The faucets are on order and should be in by the end of April. Member Maley offered to pick up anything the town guys might need to finish the installation.

The board decided to delay the celebration of opening of the Gaff Park restrooms/message board/drinking fountain. (Trailhead), possibly do the event on the Saturday of Chautauqua Saturday, August 13th from 5-8 p.m. 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 3rd-Food Trucks, Music, RC info)

Event is on for Food Truck event for July 2nd.

Food Trucks

Hitchin' kitchen July 2nd-Pranger will contact. -OK Lari Williams 260-336-1496

Street Tacos-July 2nd

Holy Smokes-July 2nd

Kona Ice-July 2nd

Dougie's Hotdogs-July 2nd

Party on the Patio-July 2nd

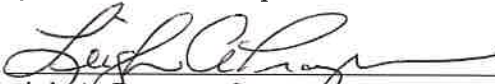
Carey's Cakery-July 2nd

Need to get flyers out for food truck event.

Member Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary