

## ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting  
July 18, 2022

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, July 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    Doug Maley  
Tina Wilkinson                      Bridgett Coe  
John Martin

Roll call a quorum was present.

Interested parties in attendance: Roberta Stone

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

Softball/Baseball-President Wilkinson stated it is time for the league to clean up and bring in the banners and bases. Secretary Pranger will contact the league.

Food Trucks-July 2<sup>nd</sup> update: The park Board took in \$353.09-Bridgett said she would check with Street Tacos on a donation. Holy Smokes-\$100, Kona Ice-\$200, Party on the Patio-\$40, and \$13.09 in jar donations. President Wilkinson suggested for next year we provide an envelope to the vendor and suggest a \$100 donation to the park board. Only allow our tip jars outside the food truck for the park donations. We also need more trash cans for the event (5-6 cans). It was suggested we contact Noble County Disposal for extra cans and set the port-a-johns closer to the food trucks for the vendors to use.

- 1) Bike Racks from IMPACT-Secretary Pranger stated the bike racks have been installed.
- 2) Secretary Pranger did forward the picture to the News-Sun or the message board with the Park Board, Ken and Meghan Cook. Did anyone see if it made it in the paper?

### Kelly Park

- a) Concession Door ordered and will be taken to American Rebuilders to be painted.
- b) Quotes for sealing Kelly Park lot and restriping. Secretary Pranger informed the board she had six companies submit quotes. Pulver's-\$7,505, Steven's Asphalt-\$10,900, Fox Maintenance-\$5,350, Lucke Duck's-\$4,800, Asphalt Care Inc.-\$9,400 and Asphalt Maintenance-\$4,983. Upon review the board decide the lowest bidder should be awarded. Member Martin made a motion to accept Lucke Duck's quote of \$4,800. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. The work to take place the week of August 22.
- c) \*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 an 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. Quotes on walkway to be sent out and ready for September meeting.
- d) \*Replace baseball back stop or reinforce-on hold- recess and fill in hole around manhole behind home plate.
- e) Member Martin painted the wall in Kelly Park Concession restroom with Kils and will paint a second coat with the color paint.
- f) Look into reconstruction of tennis courts for future planning.

- g) \*Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffleboard courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- h) \*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.
- i) \*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.
- j) Parking Bumpers were dropped off at the Street building by Slater's and they will be installed after the seal coat is applied. (Pallet of bumpers (16) at the street building)

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

Member Maley passed out copies of Arrow Fence Quote to the board to fence in the dog run area. \$17,500 with and add tension wire to the bottom of the fence to keep dogs from going under the fence. There will be a gate for the mowers and a double gate for the entry. Member Maley is going to look into donations to plant so trees in the dog area. Member Maley stated he will make up some posters for donations and look into grants for dog parks. The board requested Secretary Contact our insurance company to find out about off leash dog area and any additional costs.

**Grant Park**

- a) American Rebuilders-Secretary Pranger informed the board the door frames have been painted and they look good. Waiting on bill.
- b) President Wilkinson asked Secretary Pranger informed the board she requested quotes from Eshelman Excavating and Miller Excavating and only received one quote for the bulldozer work along the fence line on Grant for additional parking this season. Miller 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 Miller Excavating quote. Second by Member Maley. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.
- c) Secretary Pranger informed the board we had a homeless man living in the women's restroom at Grant Park. The locks have been changed. He broke the light; the town guys were able to fix it. Secretary Pranger informed the board Marshal Hoffman suggested we pass an ordinance stated no camping or park closed at dusk to be able make the individuals leave (the park board can put an exemption an allow overnight camping with the board's approval). Secretary Pranger stated she will check with other parks board to see what type of rules they have.
- d) \*Hold until 2023-Concrete pads under bleachers.

**Sycamore Park**

- a) Nothing New.

**Lakeside Park**

- a) Member Maley presented the board with drawing of a half-court basketball court (a pickle ball court with a pull-out net) to be fenced in with six parking spots along the south side. This will be on the existing concrete parking lot. Member Maley stated this can be done quickly without a lot of cost involved, then we can focus on the playground area.
- b) 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-There will be room we will need to place a concrete or asphalt pad.
- b) Secretary Pranger informed the board we now need a construction permit and mail in \$500 to IDEM for the permit. Waiting to find out how much longer the well permit will take.
- 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 he will be picking up the faucet from Home Depot this week. Member Maley offered to pick up anything the town guys might need to finish the installation.

Delayed until we find out about the well for the park. 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 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 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 stated we have a 2-sided banner to advertise the event.

Event is on for Food Truck event for July 2<sup>nd</sup>.-Trucks to be located on St. Road 9 bridge in the east lane. Secretary Pranger will get the flyer and donation jar stickers updated and find the banner for the event. Member Maley stated he can work on the electrical on Front St over the next year to get everything ready for 2023 Food Truck event.

Food Trucks

Hitchin' kitchen July 2<sup>nd</sup>-she will come contact.

Street Tacos-July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Holy Smokes-July 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Dougie's Hotdogs-July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Party on the Patio-July 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Need to get flyers out for food truck event.

Other discussion: Partnership with ARC to help with more activities for the Chautauqua Festival, it was suggested to meet with ARC at their January meeting to get the ball rolling.

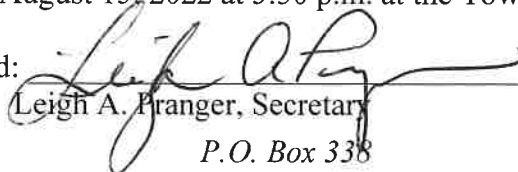
Some suggestions: cornhole tourney, chalk drawing, food trucks, trail family bike ride, craft show.

The board discussed a fall fundraiser on the trail-Trick or Treating on the trail family event with costumes and glo-sticks.

Member Maley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: August 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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