

## ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting  
September 19, 2022

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 5:32 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: Jerry Cooley-NIPSCO and Emma Altimus-Arbormetrics.

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

President Wilkinson welcomed Mr. Cooley and Ms. Altimus to the meeting. Mr. Jerry Cooley representing NIPSCO addressed the board stating it is time to trim tree again in town and the parks. He noted that NIPSCO has hired Arbormetrics to do the removal and trimming of the trees. They are here at the meeting to discuss the areas they need to do the work. He stated the following three parks need tree work. Sycamore Park has one tree that need trimmed, Lakeside Park along the south side of the park in the fence row, and Kelly Park in the northeast corner heading to the church-there are pines, silver maples and mulberries that all need trimmed. After some discussion Member Martin made a motion to approve the trimming/removal if necessary, by Arbormetrics/NIPSCO in Lakeside, Sycamore and Kelly Parks. Second by Member Maley. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Softball/Baseball-Secretary Pranger stating the softball league had the buildings cleaned by Valerie Ritchie and the banners were taken down today. Melissa Ritchie is working on removing the bases.

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? No one recalled seeing it in the paper Secretary Pranger will resend the notice to the News-Sun.

### Kelly Park

- a) Concession Door received 9/14 and taken to American Rebuilders to be painted. Once the door is installed Secretary Pranger will contact Snyder's Locksmith to install the keypads.
- b) Kelly Park lot sealing and restriping completed on Monday, August 22, 2022. Parking bumpers to be replaced by the town guys if they are broken or crumbling.
- c) \*Kelly Park Playground-need to relocate handicap swing next to the sidewalk to be accessible. Pranger looked into frames to hold the wheelchair swing and present two to the board. Member Martin made a motion to purchase the frame 381-403H for \$1,313.95 plus shipping. Second by Member Maley. All in favor-Aye. Motion Carried. The board requested Pranger obtain a quote for a mommy and me swing to replace the wheelchair swing. Quotes on walkway to be sent out and ready for October meeting. Secretary Pranger informed the board one of the spring animals at Grant Park needs a new spring cost of \$349.95. Member Martin made a motion to purchase the spring. Second by Member Maley. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

- 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.

**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 an added 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. The cost for a dog-potty is \$409. Member Maley is going to look into donations to plant some trees in the dog area. Member Maley presented the board with posters for donations, he asked Pranger to add it to the town website with the QR code to allow anyone to make a donation and see if we will be able to track who is donating the funds. He is looking into grants for dog parks. Secretary Pranger contacted our insurance company they stated a dog park is included in our coverage at no additional cost. See attached email from Ramer Insurance.

**Grant Park**

- a) American Rebuilders-Secretary Pranger informed the board the door frames have been painted and they look good. Bill-\$2,700.
- b) The board decided to hold off on installing the parking lot to see how many kids we have sign up for softball and baseball. 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 she is working on park rules to be passed by ordinance. She is checking with other towns to see what kind of rules they have.
- d) \*Hold until 2023-Concrete pads under bleachers.

**Sycamore Park**

- a) Tree Trimming.

**Lakeside Park**

- a) Member Maley presented the board with a quote for a 12' black vinyl coated fence around the half-court basketball court (a pickle ball court with a pull-out net) in the amount of \$14,250. He noted the yellow basketball post will be used as an anchor post for the fence, we will need to paint it with black metal paint. Member Maley stated he

will look into finding someone to bore through the concrete to install the basketball goal on the north side. Secretary Pranger stated the striping and crack-filling, should be done prior to the installation of the fence. She will contact the striping company and have a quote for the next meeting. This will be on the existing concrete parking lot. Members will continue to look for a retractable pickleball net.

- b) Secretary Pranger-printed off a copy of Land Water conservation grant information for board members to review.
- c) 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.

**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 everything has been sent to IDEM for the well permit-now they want a new application and the plans resubmitted.
- c) Need to Design plaque for water fountain-Sylvan Lake Association. Pranger is looking into a sticker to be placed on the fountain showing the sponsor.
- d) The inside of the restrooms need a second coat of paint-this can be done in the next month as the weather has cooled off. Then the fixtures can be installed.
- e) The board agreed to keep the port-a-john till October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- f) Secretary Pranger informed the board we are waiting on the agreement to sign from the Next Level Grant group on the new bike trail.


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, Giant Jenga, Yard Yahtzee.

Member Coe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary