

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

AGENDA

Zoom:

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Monday, July 20, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

Rollcall & Minutes of the Last meeting.

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Concerts in Gaff Park-Good, Bad and Ugly update. The Wingmen on August 7-Food Truck

- Joel Wilkinson-social media update?-Concert flyers and Pickleball and cornhole Tourney's August 8
- Baseball: Dustin-discussion on additional baseball diamond and dirt for Grant diamond (flag area Grant that needs the dirt and guys will deliver)
- Still waiting on contact from Brightspeed*Discuss Contract extension with Brightspeed for telephone hut and ground-No contact information on document-
- July 4th Food Trucks: Good, Bad and Ugly update
- Chautauqua America 250- August 7,8,9-Request to use a park for the Stone's Trace Regulators camp site?? -Not sure about location on this event-ARC follow up

Kelly Park

- Scoreboard Controller upgrade-found antenna. I have not ordered the wireless \$1,465
- Pickleball Tournament for 2026 August 8th events/sponsors/prizes
- Cornhole Tournament for August 8, 2026-Need to work-board/Still need to know what kind of bags to order? Order official/sponsors/Prizes\$200, \$100, \$50

Grant Park

- Walkway installation from Parking lot to Dog Park-Construction date?
- Ideas for 2025-26: add pavilion over existing concrete pads and add Entrance off Canal Rd. Approach Amy Maley (fundraise\$?) and Lions Club to help with cost of fun items in park.

Dog Park

Pulver to change entryway bricks to concrete slab-bricks to be inlaid in the concrete. Waiting on Construction date?

Sycamore Park

- Conservancy to remove partially dead cottonwood. Hoping to add another small Sycamore this fall.

Lakeside Park

- Lady statue: work with GSP for plants and design-I planted more phlox
- Mulch received-the guys are installing it in sections around the equipment as they have time.

Gaff Park

- c. Next Level Grant Approved the amenities for purchase - Pranger finished purchasing items. Need canceled checks to close out.
- Concrete installed -Path is paved-Guys installed the ladybug drum
- Waiting on Pulver to discuss locations of paths and cost. (Should we get quotes on paving parking lot? If so, do we want the same design?)

Miscellaneous-Nothing for the agenda

Park Donation Account	\$31,598.23
#1119-Park Maintenance	\$ 7,213.04
#1135-Contractual	\$ 2,101.67
#1234-Park Supplies	\$ 1,569.21
#1341-Park Insurance-Don't Spend	\$ 3,661.80
#1352-Park Light-Don't spend	\$3,220.70
#1362-Park Repairs	\$3,872.76
#1430-Park Improvement	\$30,344.27
#1442-Park Equipment	\$17,545.33
Total	\$69,528.78+ 31,598.23=\$101,127.01

Adjournment -Next Meeting: August 17, 2026

Encumbered funds: walkway for Dog Park by Pulver.

Park Board Member	Appointing Authority	Date of Terms 1 st Monday of January
Tina Wilkinson	TC President	1-6-2025 TO 1-1-2028
John Martin	TC President	1-2-2023 TO 1-4-2026
Open Seat	TC President	1-5-2026 TO 1-1-2029
Dustin Hicks	TC President	5-12-2025 TO 1-3-2028
Open Seat-Rep. of Library or School Board	Governing Board	

Pursuant to IC 5-14-9 Section 6; above is a roster of the current Rome City Park Board members, names, appointing authority and their elected terms.

THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE MEETING DESIGNATED ABOVE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE UP TO AND INCLUDING THE CONCLUSION OF THE DESIGNATED MEETING

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
July 27, 2026

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Rome City Town Hall. Called to order by President Wilkinson. The meeting was moved from July 20, 2026 due to a conflict in scheduling. The meeting was not recorded due to technical difficulties.

Members Present:

Leigh A. Pranger-Secretary
John Martin

Tina Wilkinson
Dustin Hicks

Roll call a quorum was present.

Member Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Member Hicks. All in favor-aye. Motion carried.

Interested parties in attendance: Joel Wilkinson-social media manager

- a) Concerts in the Park: Patriotic Show July 10th Todd Herendeen in Gaff Park-turnout was great and the board agreed we only need one food truck for the concert events. The Rome City Brimfield Lions Club 70th anniversary will be passed out cupcakes for the celebration-they sent a thank you card for including them in the event. The Park Board had the youth baseball player's pass out small America 250 flags. Youth baseball also sold popcorn as a fundraiser. Food Truck: Street Tacos-the board discussed only having one truck per event for the 2027 concert series. The Park Board received a lot of good feedback on the concert. August 7th Concert-The Wingmen with food trucks Party on the Patio and Gringos Tacos. The board discussed contacting the food trucks to see if either one of them wanted to back out of the event. The board discussed alternative locations in case of a rain event. After some discussion it was decided to confer with the Orange Township Fire Department to see if they will be willing to open up the truck bays to hold the concerts if they are rained out.
- b) Social Media Update: Joel Wilkinson informed the board we are getting good feedback on our Facebook posts. He stated boosting events through Facebook has been worth the cost and it has generated a lot of interest 219 with 112 event responses. He set up an advertisement, and it has 7261 video plays. It was definitely worth the additional cost in advertisement. Joel asked that a line item be added to the park budget for Marketing. Pranger stated she will meet with the Clerk Treasurer for the 2027 budget of \$2000. Joel noted he completed the August Concert and Pickleball/cornhole tournament flyers.
- c) Baseball: Dustin Hicks stated the season is over. He stated he will flag the Grant Park diamond so the town employees can add the dirt. He will let Pranger know when the flags are set. President Wilkinson asked him to remove the banners from the outfield fences and to clean the concession stands to ready them for winter closure. Pranger reminded him the Township Fire Department will be using the Kelly Concessions on August 7 for the humane society fundraiser. Dustin stated the tractor still needs to be looked at it has a few hydraulic leaks. Dustin stated he will be entering the baseball teams

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in the Chautauqua Parade. (Dustin asked the board to explore the possibility of adding an additional baseball diamond (200' to 225') in Kelly Park where the football field is located, since they had so many kids participating this year they didn't have anywhere to practice once the games started.)

- d) Brightspeed Contract: Still waiting on contact from Brightspeed regarding the new contract
- e) July 4th Food trucks: President Wilkinson informed the board the turnout was really low. She is unsure if it was due to the road construction, the parking notice on Facebook or the weather. The board needs to discuss whether to continue the event for 2027. The board discussed moving the food trucks down to Sylvan Point for boaters to access along with the walking public.
- f) Chautauqua America 250-Stone's Trace-No word from ARC on the location of the Regulators.

Kelly Park

- a. **Scoreboard Controller upgrade** -Pranger informed the board she found the antenna to the Kelly Park Scorebaord. Dustin stated he connected the antenna and the scoreboard works. We just need to install new bulbs in the board. Dustin will look into the bulb size and let Pranger know
- b. Chautauqua: August 8 pickleball tournament. Mixed partners can include children 14 years and under. Limit to 12 teams. President Wilkinson informed the board Daryl DeMuyt will not be able to attend the tournament. He will show us how to set brackets and what number of participants. Joel updated the flyer for day of registration. **Need prizes and banner.** Suggested prizes for the tournament: Ask Fruition, Shepherds and Precision Medical. **or 1st \$200, 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$50.** The board asked Pranger to laminate flyers and put them at the tennis courts. Pranger stated she will send the flyer to Wolcottville and Augusta Hills.
- c. Chautauqua Cornhole tournament: 2026 local players-Novice. The Board discussed purchasing one board and borrowing boards for a total of 5 boards. They also instructed Pranger to purchase five regulation bags for the tournament. We will use the app for brackets. The board decided to keep the tournament on August 8 to coincide with the Pickleball tournament. Dustin and John will co-chair this event. **Need Prizes (suggestions-Fruition, Precision Medical, Shepherds, Aggregate Systems, Howard Murray, Arrow Fence) and Banner Prizes: 1st \$200, 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$50**
- d. Tennis court and repaired sidewalk completed for the Tournament date. Still need to install benches along the sides.
- e. Gospel concert went well in spite of the rain. Need to confirm with an agreement next year as Unlikely Disciples decided not to perform. in as the additional group. Wilkinson procured Tacos and More to replace our food truck that backed out.

Grant Park -Dog Park

- a) Walkway and entrance (\$3,564) to Dog Park approved waiting on start date from Pulver Asphalt.
- b) Ideas for 2026: add a pavilion over the existing concrete pad, add entrance off Canal Rd., large rocks for dogs to climb-keep an eye out. Lions Club is interested in project for the dog park.
- c) Dustin Hicks informed the board the swing post in Gaff Park needs to be repaired. Pranger will notify the town employees.

Sycamore Park

- a) Port-a-john set until October
- b) Conservancy to remove damaged cottonwood tree and replacing with Sycamore Tree.

Lakeside Park

- a) Lady statue plants-Work with GSP Tiffany on plants and locations.
- b) Playground Mulch to be installed in sections as the town guys have time.

Gaff Park/Trail head:

- a) Lighting for stage stored at Town Hall.
- b) **Plan Concert Series for 2026: Show 6-9 p.m.**
August 7th-The Wingmen-Classic Rock-Gringos Tacos and Party on the Patio
- c) Next Level Grant-In progress: Pranger finished purchasing amenities-waiting on canceled checks to close out grant.
- d) ARC to installed paved path. Ladybug Drum installed.
- e) Board needs to determine where to locate the ADA path from the parking lot to the restrooms. Then Pranger can get quotes for installation. Pranger asked if they want the paths in concrete or asphalt. Concrete would match
- f) The board asked Pranger to obtain quotes to asphalt the parking lot in Gaff Park

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Presidnet Wilkinson stated she was contacted by Don Gura-Insurance asking if the park could use new basketball nets. Pranger stated yes, we will need 5.

The board honored Bridgett Coe for her service to the board with a recognition certificate, gift certificates and a plaque will be added to the Kelly Park pavilion recognition board. It was presented at the June 5 Concert.

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Next Meeting: August 17, 2026

Member Martin made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m. Second by Member Hicks. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary

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