

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

Regular Meeting
June 19, 2023

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., held in the pavilion at Kelly Park. Called to order by President Wilkinson.

Members Present:

Leigh A. Pranger-Secretary

John Martin

Tina Wilkinson

Bridgett Coe

Members Absent:

Doug Maley

Roll call a quorum was present.

Interested parties in attendance: No interested parties in attendance.

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

Softball/Baseball-Secretary Pranger informed the board that softball is mid-season and will wrap up 1st week of July.

The Good and Bad-June 3rd Gaff Park Celebration: Member Martin stated attendance was good for the event. President Wilkinson stated the band was really good. The food trucks did good business.

Needed more corn holes boards, move the band to a stage or flatbed trailer (could contact Kendallville to see if they rent their trailer) Need to put up Park Board banner so people know we were sponsoring the event. Do not get additional yard games from the library.

Need more advertising-possibly non-profit mike talk on WAWK, get on the Chamber advertising card, ask about advertising list the Chamber uses for the House walk.

July 1st Fundraiser: the board discussed the Food trucks who will be attending the event.

Fundraiser for 2024 Playground at Lakeside Park-. Close street 3:30 p.m. Trucks to arrive by 4:00 p.m. Town Council approved road closure. Want trucks to stay until 9:00 p.m.

1. Ed's Fish and More-Bridgett-canceled on us on Thursday of the event.
2. Street Taco's-Bridgett (Pull Through)
3. Party on the Patio-Doug (Drivable)
4. Hitchin' Kitchen-Tina (Pull Through)
5. Brewhouse BBQ-Doug confirmed on May 1st (Pull Through)
6. Kona Ice-Tina (Drivable)

President Wilkinson reiterated to the member that the truck owners know they are expected to make a donation of \$100 to be a participant. The board discussed trash cans for the event.

Member Coe asked President Wilkinson contacted Noble County Disposal they will bring trash cans like we had last year for the event. The board discussed the location of the trucks to be on Front Street along the parking spaces on the north side. The board discussed the location of the port-a-johns for this year. Secretary Pranger stated she confirmed with Pepperoni's Pizza the location will be on their lot in the southwest corner.

Chautauqua Days-August 12th

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The board discuss holding a pickleball and cornhole tournament in the morning. President Wilkinson stated she will be meeting with Steve Kirkpatrick-Albion regarding the pickleball tourney. She wanted to let the board know this will not be a large money maker, it will be more of a get people out to use the park event. She suggested we have registration at 8:00 .am. and start the games at 8:30 a.m. Games will last about 2 hours.

The Cornhole Tournament can be run by Eby Hidden Ego \$500 to run tournament. He suggested a purse of \$1000 and to get a business or business to sponsor it. If we charge \$25 per person 10 teams=\$500 and 20 teams=\$1000 he suggested the board allow BYOB coolers for the corn hole or you won't get many teams participating. Pranger stated this will need to be approved by the Town council with the now beverage law passed by the legislature. The tournament will run about 3-1/2 to 4 hours. The board discussed running a small concession stand during the event. President Wilkinson asked the board if they wanted to move forward with the events. Member Martin made a motion to approve holding a Pickleball and Corn Hole Tournament on August 12th 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Kelly Park

- a) *Kelly Park Playground-Pranger informed the board the town guys are going to install the wheelchair swing posts on the west side of the path going to the playground. We will then put down rubbers mats instead of adding concrete. President Wilkinson asked Pranger to look into the cost of a mommy and me swing to install in place of the wheelchair swing.
- b) Secretary Pranger informed the board we need to replace the lids on the trash cans at the pavilions in Kelly Park. Town employees getting a quote from Kammerer in Kendallville they can weld new rings for the cans.
- c) Get quote for tennis court posts. Town Guys to install.

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

The board discussed the Dog Park. Trees planted June 2nd. The donations collected at the June 3rd event \$113.75 for the Dog Park.

Secretary Pranger sent a third email to Green -a-lawn for an application cost to treat fleas and ticks-never heard back- we will have to do the application ourselves.

Items needed for the park (Benches, trees, Dog Station, Signage, picnic table, dog exercise stations, fence, water fountain) Member Maley is looking into grants for dog parks. Doug Stated he received costs for the entry gates and fence from Alpha Builders in Shipshewana \$3,659.

Grant Park

- a) Secretary Pranger ordered the horse spring animal.
- b) Add pads around the concrete bases.
- c) Spray weeds in playground area.

Sycamore Park

- a) Sycamore Trees planted June 2nd.

Lakeside Park

- a) Install half court basket/pickle ball. along Park Drive or next to the fence by Sturdivant's.
- b) Playground upgrade: The board instructed Pranger to contact the play equipment company Summit Supply, USA and Play Time to begin the design of the playground. First step in working to getting a grant for the equipment. President Wilkinson stated she will contact, Noble County Community Foundation, Dekko, and Cole Foundation regarding their grant cycles.

- c) Replacement trees along lake in the fall.
- d) Boat ramp for kayak, canoes, and paddleboards-Land Water Conservation Grant
- e) Secretary Pranger asked the board if they wanted to update the five-year park plan. Find out the cost and how long does the process take?

Gaff Park Trail head:

- a) Secretary Pranger informed the board that the well was installed, and line bore to the street building and the park restrooms. The water testing came back bad, bleached well and retook water samples for clear test. Must do seven subsequent tests.
- b) Storage room code changed- add shelf for supplies
- c) Member Martin stated the hot water lines need capped and or tied back into the cold to eliminate the back pressure to the faucets.
- d) *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.
- e) Member Martin stated he is willing to donate a Reverse osmosis system to Gaff Park for the water fountain. Secretary Pranger said she will have Scott Neukom get in touch with Member Martin on the install.


Trail update: Pre-bid meeting July 13th and bid opening on July 27th. Final Completion date set for June 30 2024.

Member Martin a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Second by Member Coe. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

The board members went on a tour of the parks.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. possible walk through of parks.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary

Old Items

Kelly Park

- a) *Replace baseball back stop or reinforce-on hold- fill in hole around manhole behind home plate.
- b) Look into reconstruction of tennis courts for future planning.
- c) *Secretary Pranger informed the board the sports complex had horseshoe and shuffleboard courts and Strawser Brothers did the work.
- d) *

Grant Park

- a) *Hold until 2024-Concrete pads under bleachers.

Lakeside

- a) 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.
- b) The board requested Pranger look into a possible grant for the installation of a small boat ramp at the east end of Lakeside Park. Pranger stated there is money available through Land & Water Conservation funds for this type of project.