

Rome City Park Board

AGENDA

Zoom:

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Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Rollcall & Minutes of the Last meeting.

- a. Joel Wilkinson-social media update?-Concert flyers
- b. Baseball: Dustin
- c. Baseball Diamond Needs for 2026:
Need to approve-Fertilizing Company recommended a summer application for Grub Control.
Flag area at Grant that needs the dirt and guys will deliver.
Discuss changes with fencing-upgrades to back stop and smaller fence for pickleball courts
- d. Still waiting on contact from Brightspeed*Discuss Contract extension with Brightspeed for telephone hut and ground-No contact information on document-
- e. July 4th Food Trucks
- f. All America 250 Events were added to Be Noble website. Need to work on grant applications-Todd Herendeen-Noble REMC and Be Noble
- g. Chautauqua America 250- August 7,8,9-Request to use a park for the Stone's Trace Regulators camp site

Kelly Park

- a) Pickleball Tournament for 2026-Need to work on this winter. June 6th and August 8th events/sponsors
- b) Cornhole Tournament for August 8, 2026-Need to work on this winter-board/bags/sponsors
- c) Bollard for walkway-Found a bollard in street building-guys to install
- d) Popcorn machine-decide which one to order.

Grant Park

- a. 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

Fence ordered and received-guys to install this spring.

Sycamore Park

- a. Sled Boxes-sleds-do you want R & S Boats or Rome City Parks Department stenciled on sleds.

Lakeside Park

- a. Lady statue: work with GSP for plants and design
- b. Mulch received waiting for spring for playground installation.

Gaff Pk

- a. Lighting for stage in pavilion-stored at town hall
- b. Plan Concerts series for 2026-Flyers
- c. Next Level Grant Approved the amenities for purchase - Pranger working on purchasing items.
- d. ARC pave path around musical bells, install drum and bench to be two sided with roof over top on a concrete pad with sidewalks from trail and bells. Quote for concrete pathways has been approved- no install date. (**Move President Furlow's bench-to the musical bells in Gaff Park.)
- d. Waiting on Pulver to discuss locations of paths and cost. (on-hold Pave parking lot)

Miscellaneous-Nothing for the agenda

- a. ARC is developing a tree tribute program-Joe Ryne
- b. Locations for trees to be planted in Gaff Park

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#1119-Park Maintenance	\$ 16,000.00
#1135-Contractual	\$ 4,000.00
#1234-Park Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
#1341-Park Insurance-Don't Spend	\$ 5,000.00
#1352-Park Light-Don't spend	\$4,500.00
#1362-Park Repairs	\$5,000.00
#1430-Park Improvement	\$45,000.00
#1442-Park Equipment	\$18,000.00
Total	\$100,500.00+ 32,148.51=\$132,648.51

Adjournment –Next Meeting: April 20, 2026-

Park Board Member	Appointing Authority	Date of Terms
Tina Wilkinson	TC President	1 st Monday of January 1-6-2025 TO 1-1-2029
John Martin	TC President	1-2-2023 TO 1-4-2027
Bridgett Coe	TC President	1-3-2022 TO 1-5-2026
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
March 16, 2025, 2026

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Rome City Town Hall. Called to order by President Wilkinson.

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 and Rhonda Steinecker

- a) Social Media Update: Joel Wilkinson informed the board is waiting to complete the Herendeen concert until we have a confirmed warm up act and the confirmed date- Wilkinson will follow up on the contract. Wilkinson stated she will reach out to Roy Mosley and Jesse Flamethrower to see if they can be the warmup as Stacy Stork is busy. He is still working on a collage of all the parks along with board introduction, events and activities. When to announce the tennis being under construction this spring and if we have a date for the painting and striping to be completed. Secretary Pranger stated the fencing will be installed in April and the Painting will take place in May. He noted Kelly Park pavilion rental is working well. Pranger asked him to block out Saturday mornings through the end of June, so we won't have a conflict with the baseball games and avoid a parking problem.
- b) Baseball: Dustin Hicks stated we have 143 kids signed up. The signups range from 4-T-ball teams, 4 softball teams 1-B, 2-C, 1-D and baseball teams-2-10 U, 1-8U, and 1-12U. Dustin stated they will have the game schedule the first week of April.
 1. Dustin asked for fill dirt and topsoil to be added to left field. Pranger stated this may have to wait until the fall as the dirt is usually too wet to move the spring.
 2. Dustin update on dugouts. President Wilkinson presented a quote from the stone mason Jim Wilkinson to remove the wall and vent the dugout and do any necessary repairs for \$550. Martin made a motion to approve the dugout quote for \$550. Second by Member Hick. All in favor. Aye. Dustin asked about new benches inside and new doors. Pranger stated she will have the town guys purchase the benches and the doors.
 3. Dustin is working on getting three used refrigerators. Pranger stated the town guys will remove and recycle the old units.
 4. Dustin stated we need one popcorn and two hotdog machines. Wilkinson asked Pranger to check with the league to see what kind to purchase.
 5. Dustin stated the Kelly Park dugouts need sprayed for wood bees and the fields need to be rolled.
 6. Dustin stated the will be using the football field for overflow practices. Wilkinson asked Pranger to contact Green-a-lawn to do treatments on the field this year.
 7. Dustin informed the board the Park spring Clean up will be April 12th. He asked Wilkinson to let the Lawn service know so they can roll the fields.

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- Mad Cat Lemonade/Coney Dogs-Yes

- 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.
- c) Need plexiglass sign for location of Dog Park to be hung on Baseball fence. -Tina
- d) Meet with Amy Maley for ideas for the dog park-possibly fundraise for dog training areas. Or invite to spring meeting.
- e) The board discussed issues with people not cleaning up after their dogs, if this continues the board may have to look into putting a code a gate. Pranger stated she saw there is a local business on Facebook that pick up dog poop. If it still is a problem we could have them come once a week before the mowing crew. Wilkinson stated the big tube needs to be relocated after the storm.

Sycamore Park

- a) Pranger informed the board the sled boxes are completed now that we have no snow.

The board asked that RCPB be sprayed painted on the sleds for next season

Lakeside Park

- a) Lady statue plants-To be spruced up this spring. Work with GSP Tiffany on plants and locations.
- b) Mulch delivered and to be installed this spring.

Gaff Park/Trail head:

- a) Sled box Completed. Spray paint RCPD.
- b) Lighting for stage stored at Town Hall.
- c) **Plan Concert Series for 2026: Show 6-8 p.m.**

June 5th-Gospel in the Park- Ed's Fish and More-need sound system -Tina to check with Val Ritchie.

July 10th-Todd Herendeen-Tyrodz Dogs and Street Tacos-Patriotic show for America 250-7-9 p.m. with a warm-up TBD 6-7 p.m. Pranger informed the board there are a couple of Grants Available to help offset the expense. (Be Noble and Noble REMC) She will look into them. Do we want to hand out flags at the event.

August 7th-The Wingmen-Classic Rock-Gringos Tacos

Food Trucks to confirm for concerts: Street Tacos, Tyrodz Dogs, Ed's Fish and More and Gringo's Tacos. Other trucks to contact: Black Sheep Ice Cream, LuPita's, Mad Cat Lemonade, Taco's and More, Hoosier Mama, My Guys Fries, Party on the Patio, Roamin' Kitchen, Brewhouse, Mamazoni's, See me Rollin', Carey's Cakery, and Drop it like its tot.

d) Next Level Grant-In progress: Pranger purchasing amenities-bicycle repair station, signage, bicycle are, bike racks, trail counter, etc...Pranger to confirm size of gazebo with the size of the concrete pads.

e) ARC to install paved paths this spring. **Installation of bench and ladybug drum** waiting until the path is paved. Secretary Pranger showed the board a drawing (from ARC) of the proposed walkway around the outside of the musical bells which will leave the outside of the path to install additional musical pieces and a covered bench.

f) Board needs to determine where to locate the ADA path from the parking lot to the restrooms. Then Pranger can get quotes for installation.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- A) ARC is asking to have the Regulators from Stone's Trace during Chautauqua's, they are a living history group. So, they will need a place to set up tents, fires etc... to demonstrate how people lived back then. The board suggested they use Gaff Park as this park is more used and has a lot of bike and pedestrian traffic. There vehicle could be parked at the Street building to keep the parking lot free for visitors. They will need to adhere to all safety requirements while having a fire due to August typically being so dry.

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The board also stated they could use Grant or Kelly (north of playground) Parks. They need to decide and get back with the board on the location.

2026 Budget

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Next Meeting: April 20, 2025

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

Respectfully Submitted: 
Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary