

ROME CITY PARK BOARD

AGENDA

Zoom:

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Monday, May 18, 2026 @5:30 p.m.

Rollcall & Minutes of the Last meeting.

Joe Ryne-Tree Tribute Program -3-red buds planted in Gaff Park

America 250 picnic-In Kelly Park-July 5th

Concerts in Gaff Park-June 5th-Gospel & Food Trucks Approve banner Purchase Double-sided \$280 -

Do we want to purchase flags to hand out July 10th Herendeen concert? Lions club? Honor Bridgett?

- a. Joel Wilkinson-social media update?-Concert flyers and Pickleball Tourney June 6
- b. Baseball: Dustin-Do you want to enter Baseball/Softball in Chautauqua Parade entry??
- c. Baseball Diamond Needs for 2026:
On hold to after the season to add dirt - area flagged at Grant that needs the dirt and guys will deliver.
- 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?? -Not sure about location on this event-ARC follow up
- h. All restrooms and concession stands sprayed for Spiders-dug outs in Kelly for wood bees.
- i. Need plexiglass sign for location of Dog Park to be hung on Baseball fence. -Tina-found old banner

Kelly Park

- a) Scoreboard Controller upgrade-wireless \$1,465
- b) Pickleball Tournament for 2026- June 6th and August 8th events/sponsors/prizes
- c) Cornhole Tournament for August 8, 2026-Need to work-board/bags? Order official/sponsors
- d) Bollard for walkway-Installed
- e) Popcorn machine-ordered and received.
- f) Town guys to fix concrete sidewalk at tennis courts when court work complete
- g) Fencing installed on tennis court and Painting in progress just need the stripes.

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 installed.

Obtaining quote to change entryway bricks to concrete slabs-bricks to be inlaid in the concrete,

Sycamore Park

- a. Posts installed
- b. Avail Portable Toilets placed port-a-john end of April

Lakeside Park

- a. Lady statue: work with GSP for plants and design-I planted more phlox
- b. Mulch received waiting for spring for playground installation-guys hoping to start in the next couple of weeks on this.

Gaff Park

- a. Bike Helmet Giveaway-June 8th 5-7 Activate Noble County
- b. Plan Concerts series for 2026-Food Truck Confirmed? Lighting for stage pavilion-stored at town hall
- c. Next Level Grant Approved the amenities for purchase - Pranger finished purchasing items.
- d. Concrete installed -ARC to pave path around musical bells with a stamped colored concrete -then we can install the ladybug drum
- d. Waiting on Pulver to discuss locations of paths and cost. (on-hold Pave parking lot)

Miscellaneous-Nothing for the agenda

Park Donation Account	\$35214.35	
#1119-Park Maintenance	\$ 12,553.99	
#1135-Contractual	\$ 3,326.67	
#1234-Park Supplies	\$ 2,954.33	
#1341-Park Insurance-Don't Spend	\$ 3,879.58	
#1352-Park Light-Don't spend		\$3,499.92
#1362-Park Repairs		\$3,971.17
#1430-Park Improvement		\$58,471.50
#1442-Park Equipment		\$17,545.33
Total		\$106,202.498+ 35,521.35=\$141,723.84

Adjournment -Next Meeting: June 15, 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
May 18, 2026

The Rome City Park Board held their regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 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 Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion carried.

Interested parties in attendance: Cindy O'Brien-Rome City/Brimfield Lions Club and Joel Wilkinson

- a) Tree Tribute Program: Joe Ryne with Advance Rome City to discuss planting trees in the Gaff Park. Secretary Pranger informed the board the three red bud trees were planted in Gaff Park. Mr. Ryne had set stakes showing the location of where he wanted to plant the trees. President Wilkinson, Pranger and Roberta Stone (ARC representative) discussed the proposed location. Which was along the edge of the trail along Lions Drive. This location was discussed and decided against as the trees would block the view of bicyclists on the trail coming into and out of the curve on the corner of Park Drive and Lions Drive. The group discussed relocating the trees to the east along the bottom of the hill along Park Drive, it will make a nice back drop to musical park area and will have room to add more trees to the north and south. Secretary Pranger stated we need to make sure a map is submitted with the location of any future tree plantings, so the board knows exactly where the trees will be planted and the map can be used for calling the location to Indiana 811 call before you dig.
- b) Cindy O'Brien, representing Rome City/Brimfield Lions Club informed the board they are celebrating 70 years this year and would like to partner with the Park Board to hand out free cupcakes at the America 250 concert on July 10th in Gaff Park. The board welcomed the idea and asked they set up on northeast side of the pavilion and stated they are welcome to bring a tent. The board discussed passing out America 250 flags. Member Martin made a motion to purchase small America 250 flags for distribution during the concert. Second by Member Hicks. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. We can share the table with the Lions Club to distribute the flags. Dustin Hicks asked if the baseball league could do popcorn at the concert. The board all agreed it will be great to have some kids participate.
- c) Pranger confirmed with the board that the America 250 group is planning a family picnic in Kelly Park on July 5th. She will have the guys add extra trash cans for the event.
- d) Social Media Update: Joel Wilkinson informed the board we are getting good feedback on our Facebook posts. He is still working on a collage of all the parks along with board introduction, events and activities. Joel asked the board about boosting events through Facebook the cost is \$36 and runs for 18 days prior to the event. Member Martin made a motion to approve the boost for Todd Herendeen concert and the Pickleball tournament. Second by Member Hicks. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. Joel is to submit invoice for

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payment. President Wilinon asked for the Pickleball flyer and the need to get them posted in the Community Learning Center, Augusta Hills-Albion and Wolcottville School, post on Kelly Park Tennis Court.

- e) Baseball: Dustin Hicks stated practice has started. The season is going great. He invited the board to come to the park on Wednesday nights for the games. He let the board know they have been using Wolcottville Taylor Park for additional practice field due to having so many games played on our fields. He asked the board to hold the installation of the black dirt to the Grant Park Diamond until the season is over. Pranger brought up the lack of antenna for the Kelly Park Scoreboard. She noted they no longer sell the antennas in order to make the unit usable we will need to switch over to a wireless unit at the cost of \$1465. Member Martin made a motion to approve the purchase of the wireless unit for Kelly Park. Second by Member Hicks. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.
- f) Brightspeed Contract: Still waiting on contact from Brightspeed regarding the new contract
- g) Chautauqua America 250-Stone's Trace-No word from ARC on the location of the Regulators.
- h) July 4th Food trucks: President Wilkinson informed the board we need to lock in the food trucks for the 2026 event as it will fall on July 4th. The trucks will be served from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Following trucks stated NO: Tyrods Dogs, Tom's Coffee, My Guys Fries, Drop it like its hot, Kona Coffee, Kona Ice, Cheeky Chick-Hibachi, Roamin' Kitchen-No Trucks Confirmed:
See Me Rollin'-Yes
Brewhouse-Yes
Carey's Cakery-Yes
Mamazoni's-Yes
Mad Cat Lemonade/Coney Dogs-Yes
Party on the Patio-Yes
Street Tacos-Yes
Busco Beans-Yes

Truck arrival time: Tina will be there at 5:00 p.m. for set up. Serve at 5:30 p.m.

We had 8 trucks this year and have room for 2 additional trucks. Other trucks to contact: Black Sheep Ice Cream, LuPita's, Ed's Fish and More, Taco's and More, Hoosier Mama, Gringo's Tacos. ** Road will be closed for the SR9 Bridge Project (Request Road closure at June Town Council meeting)

Tina stated she will need help with either set-up or closing and we will need to discuss the future of this fundraiser. Dustin stated he can help this year.

Kelly Park

- a. PICKLEBALL Tournament-Ribbon Cutting Tennis/Pickleball Court June 6th, register 8:30 a.m. Tournament starts at 9:00 a.m. Mixed partners can include children 14 years and under (Destiny Carpenter-possible helper) **Need prizes, ribbon and scissors at town hall. Joel will set up registration and do flyer.** The board discussed prizes for the tournament: Pepperoni- \$50 Dock's Landing \$30 or Lickity Split-\$30, Sylvan Shores-\$20
- b. Chautauqua: August 8 pickleball tournament. Mixed partners can include children 14 years and under. Limit to 12 teams. President Wilkinson to ask Daryl DeMuyt if he will show us how to set bracket and what number of participants. **Need prizes and banner.**
- c. Chautauqua Cornhole tournament: Reorganize for 2026 into local players-Novice. The Board discussed borrowing boards to hold the tournament for novice only. We can use the app for brackets. Fundraise for prizes. The board decided to keep the tournament on August 8 to coincide with the Pickleball tournament. Dustin and John will co-chair this event. Pranger stated she will contact Jay Morley to see if he would be interested in making 7 cornhole boards for the park board. The board agreed to buy professional bags

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and sent the type to Pranger to purchase. Joel Wilkinson stated there is an app for the tournament brackets. **Need Prizes and Banner**

- d. Pranger updated the board on the Tennis court replacement. New asphalt has been laid. The painting of the courts will be done in May. Tennis fence will be installed in April. The town guys will replace the broken sidewalk before the June 6th tournament.
- e.
- f. Gospel concert will have Grace Notes, Crossing Jordan and Unlikely Disciples. President Wilknsn stated her sons will fill in as the additional group. She noted the sound company will cost \$500. Member Martin made a motion to approve the \$500 for the sound. Second by Member Hicks. All in favor-aye. Motion carried. President Wilkinson let the board know our food truck for the night backed out and we need to fill the spot. She stated she will contact Tacos and More. Hopefully they can fill in. She informed the board Roamin' Kitchen is officially closed. Presidnet Wilkinson informed the board she had banners made for the concert series at a cost of \$280. Member Martin made a motion to approve the banner. Second by Member Hicks. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Grant Park -Dog Park

- a) Projects for 2026: pathway to Dog Park ADA, Installing in April-new fence for small dog area, bench for small dog side.
- 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.
- 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.

Svcamore Park

- a) Perimeter posts have been installed around the parking lot.
- b) Port-a-john placed through October.
- c) Benches removed for repair and reinstallation to a different location.

Lakeside Park

- a) Lady statue plants-To be spruced up this spring. 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 6-8 p.m.**
June 5th-Gospel in the Park- Tacos and More-Secured 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.
August 7th-The Wingmen-Classic Rock-Gringos Tacos and Party on the Patio

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d) Next Level Grant-In progress: Pranger purchasing amenities-bicycle repair station, signage, bicycle are, bike racks, trail counter, etc...

e) ARC to install paved path. Installation of bench and ladybug drum waiting until the path is paved.

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

The board discussed honoring Bridgett Coe for her service the board. The board stated we can give her a recognition certificate, gift certificate and add a plaque to the Kelly Park pavilion recognition board. President Wilkinson stated we will present her with the award at the June 5 Concert.

2026 Budget

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Next Meeting: June 22, 2026

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