

The April 16, 2020 Park Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens. Due to the Covid-19 virus, the meeting was held electronically.

Roll Call: Randy Romens, Stephen Hunt, Malcolm McCue, Vanessa Covington, Mayor Ron Kohn, Superintendent Ron Mattox, Amber Farnan, Angie Winqvist and Devon Hitchcock. Visitors: Shawn Koehler and Larry Raabe.

Motion by Hunt, 2nd by Covington to add Campground, Park Entrance and Electronic Sign to the meeting agenda. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion by Hunt, 2nd by McCue to approve the agenda, claims and minutes of the March 19, 2020 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Shawn Koehler from the Glenwood Baseball Club joined the meeting to discuss proposed improvements to the city baseball/softball fields. They are presenting to the Park Board before taking their proposal to the City Council. Shawn gave a detailed description of each project in priority order. #1 City Field: The priority is for the safety and functionality of the field. There are safety concerns with poles in the field of play, and water and drainage issues with the dugouts and bleachers. Detailed improvement suggestions were provided. #2 Concessions/Restrooms/Storm Shelter: This building would go along the north side of Field 4. There is a FEMA grant available for the storm shelter building. Hunt mentioned that the buildings are pre-fab from FEMA. There was discussion on needed sewer lines. Koehler stated that they have already purchased a fridge and freezer for the concession stand. #3 Field 3,4,5 improvements: Proposals include covered dugouts, replacing fencing, extending infield and flipping field 5. Although not provided in these minutes, Koehler broke down each project into detail and cost with a power point presentation. The Baseball Club has done a lot of planning, fundraising and securing in-kind donations. They would like to make a formal request to the City of Glenwood for \$30,000. There was a lengthy discussion about these proposals. Romens praised the great volunteer efforts and fundraising. Hunt suggested some other possible grant funding. Mayor Kohn said there could be some G-O Bond funding. Holly Jackson, City Council, has been working on the storm shelter FEMA grant. The sewer issue may depend on when the Hughes construction project starts. Covington expressed concerns with sending a proposal such as this to City Council given the current crisis with the Covid-19 virus and unknown financial impacts. McCue asked if some of the projects could begin with the private funds they had already secured. After much discussion, motion by Hunt, 2nd by McCue to accept the proposed improvements and recommend that the Baseball Club move ahead with their proposal to City Council. Ayes, 4, Nays 0.

Larry Raabe of the Glenwood Optimists joined the meeting to continue discussion on the resurfacing of the basketball courts. A second bid was submitted for \$12,000. The first bid was \$4000. We would go with the first bid. The total of the project would be \$5170 to be split 50/50 between Park Board and Optimists. TAB Construction is still willing to do the straightening/leveling of the basketball goal and could get to it in a couple weeks. Winqvist stated that we really need to look at the budget before moving forward with the resurfacing. Motion by Hunt, 2nd by Covington to have TAB Construction fix the basketball goal right away and put a hold on the resurfacing until we have a better idea on the budget. Ayes, 4, Nays 0. Raabe strongly encouraged a resolution by next month's meeting because they can not keep these funds on hold indefinitely.

Hitchcock gave an update on the rewiring of the campgrounds. Blackburn Electric rewired sites 18-20 last week. They did a great, quick job and even replaced a copper grounding rod that had been stolen.

He definitely recommends them for future projects. Mattox stated that he has been in contact with them regarding the electrical work at the new building.

Romens shared a few minor changes he had made to the tree/bench policy. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to accept the policy with the changes. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Mayor Kohn reported that City Council approved the purchase of the property to expand the campground.

There was discussion on the summer part time help. The city has advertised for two positions and only one application has come in. Mattox stated that he and Todd were ok for now. Winqvist stated that they could keep the positions open. If/when baseball season begins we can look at hiring someone.


The Governor recently passed a proclamation stating that campgrounds could open to long term campers. Hunt informed us that the City Council did not approve of this. We are losing a lot of revenue due to no campers. There are construction workers who would still like to rent our campsites. Mattox did say that there is concerns with dumping and also the restrooms and showers could not be opened. Motion by Hunt, 2nd by McCue to recommend to the City Council that we open sites 1-12 to long term campers. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Hunt stated that the electronic sign at the entrance of the park has been "down" for two years and needs to be fixed. It is used by the park, museum and amphitheater. He believes there could be money from the Thomas Foundation that could be used. It could cost \$30,000 to replace. Hunt believes it should be a priority. Romens stated that it may be hard to justify right now. Winqvist suggest that Hunt solicit bids so we could have a better idea of cost. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to have Hunt solicit bids for the electronic sign repair/replacement. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

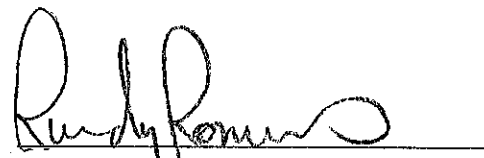
Finance Committee: Mattox and Hunt will get together to take a close look at the budget. Covington mentioned that she thought McCue had been appointed to the Finance Committee at a previous meeting.

Building and Grounds Committee: Mattox reported that there is no gravel available right now. He can get crushed concrete from Konfrst Construction for \$13/ton and he probably needs 40 tons. Hunt stated that he would like to go ahead and get enough for the museum also and that they museum would probably pay for it all. McCue stated he had driven around by the brush pile that was discussed at last months meeting. He wondered if the picnic table could be removed from the pile. Mattox will take care of it.

Romens adjourned the meeting at 11:20.



Vanessa Covington, Secretary



Randy Romens, Chairperson