

The June 18, 2020 Park Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll Call: Park Superintendent Ron Mattox, Randy Romens, Stephen Hunt, Malcolm McCue, Vanessa Covington, Angie Winqvist.

Motion by McCue, 2nd by Covington to approve the agenda, claims and minutes of the May 21, 2020 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Michelle Wright of the Glenwood Kiwanis Club said they would like to place a Little Free Library at Hiley Park. Mattox wondered if vandalism would be a problem. He said placing it near the parking lot might be best because there is more lighting. The board agreed that the idea for the library was a good one. Michelle said they are still working out the details and when she has more information she will bring it back to the board for final approval. Before leaving the meeting she gave a personal thank you to Ron and crew for keeping the cross country course mowed. She said it has been very nice to be able to walk there during the pandemic.

Alexis McCue, representing The Sugar Makery, presented a proposal to plant flowers in the parking lot "island". They would use day lilies from Hillsdale Lily Garden and the Glenwood Garden Club would help with the design. They would remove the grass, put down mulch, etc. Mattox stated that the walnut tree there needs to be removed but does not know when that will take place. Alexis says they could plant around it for now and make changes/repairs when the tree is taken down. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Hunt to allow The Sugar Makery to plant day lilies in the parking lot "island". Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Alexis McCue also reported on some upcoming work to the flag pole flower bed. She posted on Facebook and got some volunteers to work on this project. They plan to remove the weeds, fix the retaining blocks and plant new flowers. Mattox stated that he could spray the weeds to kill everything off when they are ready for that.

Discussion was held regarding the bank erosion on the southwest corner of the big lake. Mattox stated that the rip rap will cost around \$6000. This is really the best way to stop the erosion. Winqvist stated that the council wants a second bid. Hunt stated that it may be difficult to find another company in the area, but Mattox will work on getting a bid.

Discussion was held on raising the park board monetary authorization authority to \$5000. Currently anything over \$1000 has to be approved by City Council even if there is money in the budget for the expense. Winqvist stated that she is trying to get this increased.

Discussion was held regarding the clearing of the newly acquired section of land for campground expansion. Romens said the sooner it is cleared the sooner we can get new campsites in and start generating revenue. Mattox stated that it will take a lot of work to clear all the trees and brush. Winqvist said that Mattox needs to get an approximate cost for this. Romens asked if the city would be able to help with the cost of getting the land cleared and new campsites put in. Winqvist said if/when money was available that a budget amendment would have to be done.

The possible elimination of the small lake island was discussed. This is one of the DNR suggestions to help with geese mitigation. Mattox said he would like to eliminate it. Hunt shared some history of the small lake. He said it used to be used for ice skating in the winter and then Emmitt's Island was put in.

Removing the island will require the water to be drained and the lake to dry out. It will be a lengthy process. Winquist will bring it up to the City Council.

Romens was asked by the Glenwood Pickle ball Club if they could use the city tennis courts until the pickle ball courts are ready. They would put down temporary lines on the courts. Mattox stated that they could not adjust the nets. It was thought that the pickle ball nets were a different height. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to allow the Glenwood Pickle Ball Club to utilize the city courts, put down temporary lines, but not adjust the net height. Ayes 3, Nays 1 (Hunt)

Winquist stated that the city is still working on getting bids to fix Lake Park Road. She said it will hopefully be done this year.

A discussion was held regarding the goose management agreement with DNR. It has not been signed since 2015. If we sign it they will continue to help us with the mitigation strategies. McCue stated some concerns with signing the agreement. Covington asked if we have to keep the "native wildflowers" along the side of the lake. She stated that they look like weeds and lead to complaints about the park needing mowed. They also block the view of the lake from the road. It also seems that the geese still make paths through or around them. No decision was made regarding the wildflowers at this time. Motion by Hunt, 2nd by Covington to recommend the city sign the DNR agreement. Ayes 3, Nays 1 (McCue)

Discussion was held regarding City Council meeting attendance. Covington stated she thinks a representative from the park board should be in attendance at each meeting. Romens said that maybe it would be sufficient if we just attended the second meeting of the month (the week following our meeting). Romens also stated that he would like to see Mattox attend some of these meetings. It is important for us to be represented and the city council to know we are serious about what we are doing. Hunt reminded us that we are supposed to have a liason from the city council but he has only been to one meeting. Romens asked that Covington create a schedule of meetings and assign a park board member to each date. We can make changes as needed.

Discussion was again held regarding the power at the new building. There is still no electricity and the hold up is with Mid America.

Finance Committee – McCue and Hunt are working on the budget. It was mentioned that we need to have current and adequate budget updates from the city so we always know where we stand. We would also like to have the budget and agenda available sooner than the day before the meeting. Romens added that he would like to see the camp fees be "above and beyond" the regular park board budget instead of just build into the budget.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – We covered the current concerns in the agenda items.

Chairman Report – Romens stated that he would like for us to have a budget work session so that we can all better understand the budget and move forward with making plans for next year's budget. It was decided to hold the first work session on June 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Report – Mattox stated that all the time getting bids, cost estimates, etc. takes away from all the other work at the park and that is especially difficult during this busy season. It would be nice if the budget would maybe allow for another employee. The season help is difficult because they don't know what to do, can only do certain things and essentially have to be "babysat". Romens stated

that Mattox doesn't necessarily have all the tools he needs to be successful in his job (adequate internet, computer, office, etc). He stated that he would like to see changes made to help him be more successful.

Romens adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Vanessa Covington
Vanessa Covington, Secretary

Randy Romens
Randy Romens, Chairperson