

The September 17, 2020 Glenwood Park Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll Call: Chairman Randy Romens, Malcolm McCue, Stephen Hunt, Vanessa Covington, Jim Henderson, and Angie Winquist

Nicholas Quinn and Kyler Gover, missionaries, addressed the board. They would like to do service hours at the park. They must remain outdoors and not operate power tools. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to allow Quinn and Gover to do work such as trash and limb cleanup on Friday mornings at the park. Ayes 4, Nays 0. They will sign volunteer waivers and provide phone numbers for Ron Mattox.

Shawn Koehler addressed the board. He gave an update on the work of the Mills County Trails board. The plan is for 2 ½-3 miles of new trails going through Glenwood. The new trails will allow for improved health of the community and provide for safety for walking – especially for students coming and going from the high school. The trail will go underneath Sharp Street. So far the board has raised \$480,000 of a needed \$600,000. \$90,000 of that will need to be spend this year. About \$30,000 will go to bridge engineering and approximately \$70,000 will be used to purchase bridges. The trailhead will be at the former earth lodge location. It will provide approximately 100 parking spaces. Eventually the plan will include a new bridge from the trail head to the athletic complex. They have to work through some FEMA requirements with Keg Creek. The board hopes to begin paving the new trails next year.

Shawn Koehler also gave an update on the baseball compex improvements. Field 4 is almost done. They installed new fence, a warning track and “luxury” dugouts. They are also replacing the backstop. The next project is to work on controlling the water/mud issue at City Field. Upcoming plans include flipping Field 5 and new concessions/restrooms/storm shelter. The Park Board commends them for all the hard work and fundraising efforts.

Scott Erikson from Lil’ Rams football addressed the board. In the past there was concern with a huge dip in the center of the field. They would attempt to repair it and then the high school band would tear it up. Erikson said that right now the field is looking pretty good. He said he would like to get a schedule from the band to know when they plant to use it and ask them to stay off if it has recently been fertilized, etc. Erikson said they have been disappointed with the maintenance and mowing of the field done by the city. He said it is not mowed at the right times, weed eating is not done and trash has not been emptied. There is also a question of who maintains the building at the field. It is owned and insured by Lil’ Rams but the band also uses it. We need to get clarification from Ron about who turns the water on/off. There is also a question of liability. Winquist stated that we would have an updated user agreement for Lil’ Rams to sign at next month’s meeting.

Regarding the user agreement for Cross Country, Winquist will send a draft to Jeff Bissen.

Superintendent Report: Due to a family emergency, Park Superintendent Mattox was unable to attend the meeting. He provided his report to Angie Winquist. 1. Mattox states that the 120 tons of rip raff has been delivered. He will need to rent a track skid loader to grade the bank and move the rip raff. This will be a cost of \$960/week from Evans Rental. 2. Mattox said that 5 of the 8 new benches have been installed and the other 3 will be installed in the next few weeks. 3. He is still looking at heaters for the new building. He was told he would need at least 80,000 BTU for the size of building. Prices are ranging from \$500-\$1500. 4. Mattox reports that the lake shore cleanup will happen as they are putting in the rip raff. They will have the necessary equipment to haul and drag limbs and debris at that time. 5. As far

as the lake water level, Mattox says that he needs it to stay down until he finishes grading and installing the rip raff. He has not found a long arm backhoe to borrow for digging out the intake for the pump. This may need to be hired out. 6. Mattox has talked to three companies regarding tree removal and received one bid on paper. This bid is from Konfrst in the amount of \$9200. The verbal bid from TNT was \$10,000 and Marshall Delavan said the job was too big for him. Hunt stated that he knows of several tree companies from neighboring towns. He will give some of them a call. We need to get bids in writing so we can move forward with the tree removal. 7. The gate on the west side at the entrance to the park was damaged years ago and not put back up. Mattox said he could install gates similar to the ones at the soccer complex for \$500. The Park Board agreed that the gates are really not necessary and it makes more sense to just remove the side that is there. On the rare occasion that the park would need to be closed we could just place temporary barricades.

The board looked over the Park Superintendent job description and made some minor word changes. Hunt will type it up with the changes. Motion by Henderson, 2nd by Mcue to approve the job description as amended. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Winquist stated that the mayor wanted her to ask about us doing an annual review for the superintendent. No discussion at this time.

Discussion on the spring Community Foundation Grant was tabled until next meeting.

Discussion on campground expansion was tabled until next meeting.

There was a brief discussion on the city tennis courts. Hunt states that they probably need to be resurfaced. He would like Mattox to talk to the company who comes to resurface the basketball court and get an approximate cost to resurface the tennis courts.

Hunted stated that he would like the park board meetings to be held at the park so we can look at certain things as they come up in discussion. Romens stated that it is probably wise to continue holding the meetings at the City Hall. This makes it easier when there are visitors at the meetings. It was decided that it would be good to hold some "work sessions" on location at the park. These are needed to cover a lot of things that just don't fit into the agenda of the monthly meeting and would help to keep the monthly meetings shorter. We also need to schedule a work session to discuss the 2022 budget.

Romens talked to David Hughes again regarding the city basketball court. He stated that Hughes was going to purchase some nets and have some painting done. Hunt stated that there were some nets purchased by an individual last year but they were never installed.

Henderson reported on the security cameras at Hiley Park. He said he met with Eric Johansen and he is still working on the issue. Hopefully it can be resolved because cameras are really needed down there. Recently the portapotty was torched and there has been other vandalism. Henderson also stated that the trash has not been emptied at Hiley Park and there are picnic tables that need to be removed because they are unsafe. He hopes these things can be done before the Hiley Park event tomorrow night (September 18). Because Ron is absent, Angie will call Todd to have it taken care of.

Discussion on park seasonal hours was tabled until next month.

There was a brief discussion on the wildflowers and geese mitigation. Covington suggested that we have someone from DNR attend next month's meeting. Winquist will get in touch with them about this.

Also for next month's agenda we need to discuss signage at the park (bathrooms, shelters, etc.) and who needs to be called on weekends/evenings if issues arise at the park.

Motion by McCue, 2nd by Henderson to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Vanessa Covington
Vanessa Covington, Secretary

Randy Romens
Randy Romens, Chairperson