

The November 19, 2020 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll Call: Randy Romens, Vanessa Covington, Stephen Hunt, Mayor Ron Kohn, Assistant Park Superintendent Todd Peverill, Malcolm McCue (remote), Park Superintendent Ron Mattox (remote), Jim Henderson (remote), Dan McComb (remote), Angie Winqvist (remote).

Motion by Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Covington to approve the agenda, claims and minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Superintendent Report: Mattox reported he has been in quarantine and has not been at work. Council approved the bid from Konfrst for tree removal. He would like to wait until the lake freezes over so the trees will not end up down in the water. Once trees are removed the rest of the rip rap will be added to the bank. Peverill reported that the volunteers have been there a couple times.

Mills County Foundation awarded \$2250 for the snow blade. The other half will come out of the park budget. Motion by Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henderson to recommend to the council the purchase of the blade. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Discussion on spring grant request: Hunt suggested a power washer. Mattox said that a small power washer to fit on the gator would not have a large enough tank if you were not near a water source. Mattox mentioned that there was still a need for more new picnic tables. The previous ones have been purchased with grant money. Mattox said we also need new trash cans at the park. Another suggested for grant money was repairs to the concrete in some of the shelters. No decisions were made and discussion was tabled.

There was discussion regarding changing the park from seasonal to year-round. Currently the park is minimum maintenance during the winter. Hunt stated that the museum is open year round and, therefore, the park should be also. It seems the biggest issue is snow removal in the parking lot. Winqvist stated that the cemetery crew has been asked to clear the parking lot for us. The new blade for the gator will make it possible to clear the sidewalks. Bathrooms cannot be year round because the water has to be shut off. After a lengthy discussion the conclusion was to leave it as seasonal, but with the hope that the clearing of the parking lot will still allow people to visit the park.

The lake road was originally closed due to speeding and safety issues. It has been open for several months now. It was opened when they were doing the work on the main entrance and the road resurfacing. Hunt would like to see it remain open permanently. He reports that he has seen no heavy traffic and only a couple speed issues at the beginning. After some discussion it was decided that a permanent decision did not need to be made, but the road would be kept open for now with the agreement that Mattox can close it as he sees needed.

McCue left the meeting.

Motion by Covington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hunt to allow the purchase and installation of a heater for the new building up to \$3000. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Covington mentioned the need for some new signs at the park. These include a large restroom sign, small sign on the old restroom building, signs on shelters for reservations, and possibly a sign with emergency numbers for off-hours needs. Henderson suggested finding a local artist to do a mural on the

side of the restroom building. This could be a future project. Covington will meet with Mattox and Joe Designer prior to the next meeting to get some pricing for the needed signs.


The 2022 budget numbers need to be in to Winqvist by the first week in December. Hunt told Mattox that he would like a "wish list" of everything that the park truly needs to operate so that the Council can have a true picture of what we really need. Hunt and Mattox will meet for further discussion next week.

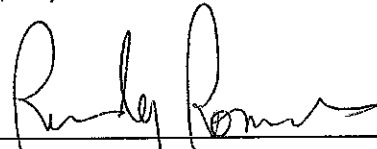
Henderson reported that they still have not gotten answers regarding installing security cameras at Hiley Park. He also said that the wooden posts that serve as parking lot barriers are all rotting and need replaced. Romens will talk to a concrete guy regarding the cost of concrete curb stops. Henderson will talk to the city works department to see if they have suggestions.

Committee Reports: Budget and Buildings and Grounds issues already discussed.

Chairman Report: Romens reported that the Mills County Trails board has been working on engineering for the new bridges.

Motion by Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Covington to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

  
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Vanessa Covington, Secretary

  
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Randy Romens, Chairperson