

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

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

Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the agenda, claims and minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0, Hunt abstained.

Superintendent Report: Mattox obtained prices for the purchase and installation of both a gas heater and electric. The prices were similar, and he will go with the gas heater from Granger. Heater - \$869, Electrical work by Greg Bowden - \$520 and Plumbing by Stouder - \$500. Currently he is working on building a cab for the gator, cutting up and removing three trees that came down recently, and installing five more benches (weather permitting). McCue asked about making sure the replacement benches are put into the same spot as the old benches. Mattox stated that some of the benches were not done this way because Mayor Kohn had requested the first new benches be put "front and center" so they are easily visible by park visitors. Removal of the trees by the lake is just waiting for Konfrst to be able to get there with the proper equipment.

As a follow up from last meeting, discussion continued on the spring Mills County Grant application. Hunt has spoken to Thrasher about the cracked concrete in some of the shelters. He stated that Thrasher said the repairs would cost \$5000. With this grant, we would be responsible for 50% of that cost. We decided that this would be a good grant request because it is a safety issue. Winquist reminded us that the city does not write grant requests and that it was the park board's responsibility. Mattox stated that he would take care of this one.

Mattox reported on upcoming winter projects. As stated previously, they are working on a cab for the gator, getting the new shop heater and installing benches. Other projects will include plumbing repairs in the restrooms (someone damaged the plumbing), clean out the old shop building, inventory of tools (often there are tools he needs but doesn't have), paint old picnic tables that are still in use, trimming trees and repainting the bathrooms.

Mattox presented the bid from Joe Designer for restroom and shelter signs. Total cost is approximately \$250. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to purchase and install the new signs. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Discussion was held regarding Hiley Park. There is still no answer regarding installation of security cameras. Mattox stated the getting a signal in that part of town is very difficult and likely cameras would not work down there. We will ask the police to install one of their trail cams for awhile as there continues to be vandalism. Henderson asked about the possibility of getting power to the shelter in the park. Mattox stated that the previous park board would not approve this. We feel that having lights and power in the shelter will make it more usable and could help deter some of the things that go on down there. Mattox will look into the cost of this. Hunt also brought up the need for "community policing" in our parks instead of the police only getting involved after an issue arises. There was also a brief discussion on getting concrete "curbs" to replace the damaged fence posts.

Committee Reports: Budget – Winquist has received the proposed budget for 2022. It is a "hefty" budget with an increase of more than \$100,000. Some things in the new budget would be the purchase

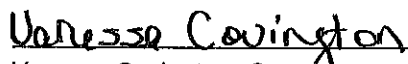
of a second gator, more money for maintenance and increasing to three seasonal employees. There are many things we would like to see improved at the park and we need the budget to do this.

Chairman Report: Romens gave a report on the continued work of the Mills County Trails Board. They have purchased one bridge to cross Keg Creek and also plan to replace/install three other bridges. Romens stated that he wants to keep the Park Board informed because, although the Trails Board has many plans to install trails, the land does not belong to them. Some of these trails will be on park land. Romens said there will be a Mills County Trails meeting on December 28 at 7:00 pm at Keg Creek if any of the Park Board members would like to attend.

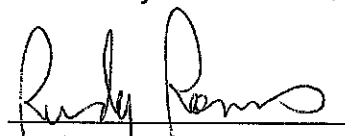
McComb addressed the board regarding the Lake Park road. He has concerns that leaving it open will allow for extra traffic and cause too much damage to the road. In turn, that leads to costly repairs. There was no further discussion.

Mayor Kohn addressed the board. He stated that with the new subdivision going in the park would be able to tie in to the new sewer line if/when needed. He also told us to keep in mind that the city does have funding for other projects as needed (sports leagues, trails, etc.). Also, he asked what are plans are for cleaning up the newly acquired piece of land. Mattox stated that he will be able to clear out some of the brush and trees as time permits. There has not been any further discussion.

Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to adjourn the meeting. Romens adjourned the meeting.



Vanessa Covington, Secretary



Randy Romens, Chairperson