

The July 21, 2022 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll Call: Randy Romens, Jim Henderson, Malcolm McCue, Vanessa Covington, Chelsey Mass, Park Superintendent Ron Mattox, Mayor Ron Kohn, City Administrator Amber Farnan

Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the agenda, claims and minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Sarah Curry of the Glenwood Soccer Club addressed the board. The soccer club is wanting to put a restroom/storage/meeting building at the soccer complex and they are seeking park board approval for the location. After location has been approved the soccer club will move forward with further planning. Mattox stated that it will need to be close to the sewer/water lines. Curry said they feel the best place is the flat space on the right side of the road near where the small optimist shed is now. Mattox said there could be some runoff from the hill. This is actually school property and after approval from the park board, approval will need to be sought from the school board. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to approve the flat space on the east side of the gravel drive near the Optimist building as the location for a restroom/storage/meeting building. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Stan Sibley of the Rotary Club addressed the board seeking permission to use the park for the circus. They have used the park for this same circus in years past and there have been no issues. Mattox stated that there is a new power line in that area since last time but it should not create an issue as long as they are aware of it. Motion by McCue, 2nd by Covington to approve the use of the park for the circus on September 3, 2022. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Joel Hoegemeyer of the Mills County Historical Society addressed the board. He presented a Mutual Use Agreement between the City of Glenwood and the Historical Society. He stated that there has not been an agreement in place before, but it is just putting in writing what is already being done between the two entities. Farnan stated that it would need to be approved by the city attorney and the city council. Motion by Henderson, 2nd by McCue to approve the Mutual Use Agreement pending approval by the City Council. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Mayor Kohn left the meeting.

The board discussed the possible need for tree trimming at the park. There are trees that need trimmed or removed that are beyond what Mattox and his employees can do. Last winter Mattox had received bids from Konfrst and TNT for removal of a few trees and the cost was around \$2000/per tree. Romens stated that he had recently used Kanesville Tree Service out of CB and was very impressed with their work. Farnan also reminded us that the city has a Tree Board that we could use for assessment. Mattox will contact the tree board and have them come in to assess and prioritize what needs to be done. He can then move forward with getting bids from tree service companies.

Mattox stated that Uphoff Equipment currently has a used Hustler mower in stock that also has a blade for snow removal, a brush, and an enclosed cab. It has 800 hours on it and they are asking \$16,400. He said the blade and brush would be very useful to clear the sidewalk and parking lot when needed. The current blade on the gator is a bit too wide for the sidewalk. He also stated that it would serve as a backup mower. There was discussion on whether this would be a wise use of money or if we should look at the possibility of a skid steer instead. Mattox said a skid steer would be very useful at the park. If he needs one now it has to be borrowed from the city crew. This discussion was tabled until next month's meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the ongoing pump project to fill the lake. Mayor Kuhn had a sewer engineer take a look at the pump and he stated that the pump is cavitating (the water is vaporizing) because the pump is too high. He says it needs to be 10 ft. lower. This means it would need to be in concrete under the ground. Mattox thought maybe putting it in a septic tank would work, but the tank would need to be modified. The cost of a tank is \$1650. There was discussion on what happens if we do all of this and it still doesn't work. Mattox has had Stouder, Burton and a well guy take a look and none of them have a solution. Farnan said she would contact DNR

and see if they have any recommendations. The lake is very low and we need to get it filled. Then there was discussion on trying to lower the pump three foot or so and see what happens. Basically it would mean taking it out of the pump house and lowering it into the ground just a bit. Mattox is going to work on this with hopes that we can get water pumping.

Farnan left the meeting.

Superintendent Report – Every new bench that we currently have has been installed including the two at Hiley Park. Malcom asked if the old, leaning benches could just go ahead and be removed and Mattox stated he was going to do that. He also stated that he has been keeping the “memorial” boards in case families want them. Mattox said they had a mower break down but it was repaired under warranty. He will be using his college part time workers soon. There was a tree that came down over the sidewalk near the lake and he got it removed. It was a tree that had some previous damage from the December storm.

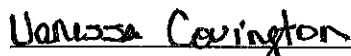
Mattox has still been working on getting power to Hiley Park. Bluffs Electric gave him a bid of \$1865. This would include a light and a four outlet post at the shelter. He has not been able to get anyone else to come out and bid it. Henderson said he could ask about a possible cost share with Kiwanis if needed. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to approve an expenditure of no more than \$2500 to install power at Hiley Park with work to be done by September 1. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Mattox stated that he has not really gotten a clear answer regarding insurance and the removal of the old playground equipment. He is just going to leave it alone for now. He will move forward with removing the very old equipment at the campground and will just have someone come haul it off.

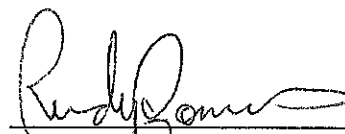
Mattox said the campground host position is going pretty well. They have been handling issues that come up and do a good job of keeping restrooms clean.

McCue asked if some weed eating and clean up around benches, etc could be done before the seasonal help leaves. He also asked if we could identify projects that need to be prioritized. Obviously, getting the pump going and filling the lake is the top priority. We would also like to see some work done on getting the island leveled off/cleared at the small lake. Other priorities are the tree trimming and the removal of the campground play equipment.

The meeting was adjourned.



Vanessa Covington, Secretary



Randy Romens, Chairperson