

The September 15, 2022 meeting of the Glenwood Park board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

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

After a brief discussion regarding claims from MidAmerica and the cost of electricity at the campgrounds and also a question regarding a YMCA expense that Farnan said she would make sure was coded correctly, motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Chris McQueen addressed the board regarding his Gravel Grinder bicycle race to be held this Saturday, September 17. He expects to have about 150 riders and the race will begin and end in the park. He will have an inflatable arch at the start line. Mattox asked him to make sure it was not blocking the entry or exit of the campground or the amphitheater. McQueen asked if they could have use of the campground restrooms. The board told him he would need to rent porta-johns instead. The campground restrooms are for campers only and available only by code access. Romens asked that McQueen come to us more in advance the next time he has an event. Mattox said he will make sure there are extra trash receptacles put out for them. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to allow the Gravel Grinder event at the park. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Sarah Curry of the Glenwood Soccer Club addressed the board. She has met with Mattox and Farnan and is seeking final approval for the location of the soccer restroom building. It will be located just to the left of the gravel road near the entrance. This is the best location for access to utilities, flow of traffic, etc. Curry estimates the building will be approximately 40x30. Mass questioned what type of building it will be and if the park board will have final design approval. McCue asked if this building and its location fell in place with the park's future plans. Motion by Henderson, 2nd by Covington to approve the location of the soccer building pending future approval of blueprints/design. Ayes 4, Nays 0, McCue abstained.

Farnan provided information from Sandi Vinton, a concerned citizen. Her grandchildren play soccer and she feels the road needs to be widened to improve the flow of traffic. To widen the road would also require the relocation of some fence. Vinton provided a rough cost estimate of \$1200 for post and cable fence, \$1700 for excavation of existing turf, and \$12,500 for crushed rock to widen the road to 22 feet. She hopes to have the rock donated but asks that the board consider adding the other expenses to the budget for next year.

Farnan was asked by Shawn Koehler of the baseball club if the board could pay Kenny Loghry for aerating, seeding and fertilizing fields 2,3,4 & city for around \$4000. Mattox stated that he had already seen them at the fields doing work. If they would like for us to incur this expense we need to know ahead of time. We also need to make sure we have documentation of any chemicals that are applied. We need to make sure these things are included in the future facility use agreements.

Farnan provided the board with an updated Memorial Tree and Bench policy. The board asked to include that once old benches are removed, the family will have 30 days to make reasonable arrangements for pick up after notice has been issued. The notice will be placed in the newspaper and on the city website. The board also asked that the city hall phone number be included on the agreement and that agreement includes the date that it was amended -September 15, 2022. Farnan also stated that

from here on the city will keep a file of all the memorials that are donated. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the changes to the tree and bench policy with the additional changes made today. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Farnan left the meeting.

Continuing the memorial bench discussion, McCue stated that he believes we should have an "internal" policy regarding when benches will be removed, will they be replaced with the same memorial bench, etc. He also said we should have a policy in place to maintain the current and new benches. Covington stated she agrees that we should have some policies in place so no one person gets "blamed" and we are all on the same page for what needs to happen. We will continue this discussion during our next work session.

Mass left the meeting.

We again discussed the pump situation for filling the lake. Mattox stated that the city engineer Jake Zimmerer had taken a look at the current pump and agreed that we probably need a submersible pump to do the job. Mattox says he has been doing some research on these pumps to figure out exactly what we need and what it might cost. He said one pump he looked at was \$2500. Covington asked if we need to hire someone to continue this work. Mattox agrees that he has done what he can but this is beyond his scope of knowledge and ability. The problem seems to be finding someone who actually deals with these pumps. Romens will reach out to Mellon & Associates to see if they can help. Mayor Kohn said he would contact Gordon Anderson again to see if he had any suggestions. McCue asked about the old pump that used to be used, but Mattox said there is no longer water in that location. He said there is also an old well, but not a pump. We will continue to work on this in hopes to get some water in the lake before winter.

There was a brief discussion regarding the baseball fields and work being done. Romens stated that we need to have Koehler or someone else from the baseball club to come to a future meeting to get us up to date on what they have been doing.

Covington said that we need to continue our discussion from a couple months ago regarding Facility Use Agreements. We need to make sure they are all updated. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Mattox has contacted the Tree Board and they are just trying to find a time when they can all get together to look at the tree situation at the park. He stated that he knows that there are a lot of trees with rot, probably because in the past the bark was damaged due to weedeating around them.

The board set a date of September 29 at 9:00 a.m. for a work session to talk about our 1-3-5 year plans.

Superintendent Report: They are continuing with mowing and upkeep and recently prepared for the circus and the cross country meet. They have mowed clear around the lake shore. He said he recently tested the small lake to see if he could get in with a skid loader, but he said the ground was still very soft. This led to a longer discussion regarding this project. McCue asked if we were shortsighted when we agreed to fill in the small lake because we have really not made any progress. Mattox said he still believes filling it in is the right solution. He said it will take a lot of dirt to fill it in. We need to continue to find a solution to get this done. Regarding the closing of Lake Park Road during the winter, Mattox asked

that this could continue to be by his discretion and pending the weather. The board agreed that this is fine.

Henderson said that the Hiley Park Fun Fest would be held on October 7. He asked if they could have an inflatable obstacle course and Mattox said this has to be approved by City Council. Henderson said he would let Mattox know if they need to have more picnic tables brought in.

Romens stated that he feels like we should ask to have our expenditure approval amount increased from \$1000. It is just frustrating when we have things budgeted be Mattox can't move forward without park board approval and then City Council approval. Motion by McCue, 2nd by Henderson to ask that City Council increase the expenditure amount from \$1000 to \$5000. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Mayor Kohn said that the concession stand buildings are in the design phase so that they can soon go out for bids. He mentioned that the sidewalks to and around the buildings probably need to be five feet wide.

The meeting was adjourned.



Vanessa Covington, Secretary



Randy Romens, Chairperson