

The October 20, 2022 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll Call: Chairman Randy Romens, Vanessa Covington, Malcolm McCue, Jim Henderson, Chelsey Mass, Park Superintendent Ron Mattox, Mayor Ron Kohn.

There was a brief discussion regarding the claims and the revenue and expense report. It mainly centered around utilities for the campground. The utilities are quite high. We may need to check with City Administrator Farnan to make sure we are understanding the claims correctly. Covington suggested it would probably be helpful to have her come to a meeting and explain the reports in more detail. We also may need to look into raising our campground fees next season. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the September 15, 2022 meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Mattox reported that the small pond cleanup is probably 85% complete. The bush hog didn't cut as clean as he had hoped and the guys are now working on cutting out sucker trees. Mattox said that the island is not very flat and will need to be built up/leveled off to be usable. He said if he had a track hoe he could be digging out areas of the pond and adding it to the island. He may talk to Bill Ringsdorf about renting equipment. Romens asked if we would need culverts under the land bridge. Mattox said he would have to do some checking. At the end of the meeting we will all go down to the park to look at the island and continue the discussion there.

Henderson reported on some projects that Kiwanis is wanting to do at Hiley Park. The first one is to replace the old wood retaining wall with a stone wall. Then they would like to add pour-in-place surfacing to the playground area to make it more accessible. The Kiwanis will look into fundraising and grants for these projects. Henderson said representatives of Kiwanis could come to a future park board meeting to give us more information.

We talked briefly about Facility Use Agreements again. These need to be in place for baseball, soccer, Lil' Rams football, YMCA, and the school band. There was also a question about pickleball and softball league. Mattox said one thing he wants to be sure to have in the agreements is that they must provide a schedule for him each season. As per a previous meeting, Covington mentioned that we need to have the city send these agreements out all at the same time every year. It was decided that we would hold a special meeting on Wednesday, November 2 at 8:30 a.m. to go over these agreements.

Superintendent Report: Current and completed projects – They have been working on the small pond, installed some new benches and have six more waiting to be picked up and installed, will need to pour more concrete, went ahead and shut off water to Lil' Rams field for the winter, will shut off all the other water as it gets colder (usually by November 1). **Playground Equipment** – The City Council has asked for an update regarding the playground equipment donated to us by Bellevue. Mattox said he is very busy the next few weeks with the small pond, winterization, etc. This equipment is to be installed at the baseball complex and will need to be assembled. We will also need to have 12 inches of "fall protection" under the equipment. He said pea gravel is probably the least expensive. This really seems like it is going to have to be a spring project. Mattox will check on prices for the pea gravel so we have an idea of what it will cost. **Pump Installation** – The water is flowing! They have been running the pump 10 hours per day. You can tell the water is rising. Mattox said they've had to pull the pump a couple times to clear out the falling leaves. After they clean it the next time they may try to run the pump for 24 hours to see how it does. **Trees** – The guys from the Tree Board came out and looked at all the trees. So far they have

identified five that need immediate removal and two more that will need removed soon. The board said it makes sense to go ahead and remove all seven trees. Mattox has contacted Konfrst to get a bid and will also get a bid from TNT and possibly Kaneville. He estimates that it may be a \$3000 project. **Park Road** – It was decided in a previous meeting the closure of the road would be at Mattox's discretion. He usually closes it when there is a lot of snow on the road. This item can be taken off the agenda for the future.

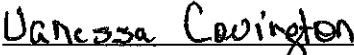
Covington asked about the Campground Host position. Mattox said overall it went well. It did help to have them keeping an eye on campers, making sure no one was there who shouldn't be, etc. He said the women's restroom was kept very clean but the men's was not as clean. There were also some communication issues. Mattox said he feels like we should continue with campground hosts but maybe not with the current ones.

Chairman Report – Romens said he was invited by Joe George to participate in a zoom meeting regarding a Community Visioning grand opportunity through Iowa State. This is to help communities with transportation/traffic, signage, community improvements, etc.

Mass left the meeting. Mayor Kohn left the meeting.

The meeting was continued at the park. The board was excited to see the progress that has been made on the cleanup. The island seems smaller than what we had realized, but the board still thinks it could make a nice, usable greenspace. We envision a gazebo, picnic tables, benches, etc. Covington suggested some poles for hanging hammocks. The board is still in agreement that it is just not feasible to fill in the entire pond because it is much too big. The next best thing is to clean up/expand the island, add a land bridge and then fill the pond back with water. If we just let the island become overgrown again the geese will most definitely come back to nest. If it is a space where there are people and activity, that is not as likely to happen. We realize this is still going to be a big project. Mattox stated that if he had access to some larger equipment he could make some big progress on digging out the pond, making the land bridge and leveling the island. Romens said he would make some calls about the need for culverts. The board also discussed the possibility of trenching another line from the new pump to the small pond so when it comes time to fill it up we don't have to take the water from the main lake. After a bit more looking around and discussion there was a motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve up to \$10,000 to be used to rent some large equipment to continue the work on this project. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

The meeting was adjourned.



Vanessa Covington, Secretary



Randy Romens, Chairperson