

The January 19, 2023 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll Call: Randy Romens, Malcolm McCue, Vanessa Covington, Park Superintendent Ron Mattox, Mayor Ron Kohn.

Motion by McCue, 2nd by Covington to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the December 15, 2022 meeting. Ayes 3, Nays 0

Julianne Marriott of the Glenwood Baseball and Softball Club joined the meeting. She gave a brief report from the club. She said they currently have three leagues that run through the club. They have a partnership with Council Bluffs to utilize some of their fields. It is difficult to host tournaments because only one of our fields has working lights. She stated there are no lights at fields 3, 4 or 5. Unfortunately, the fix for the lights is very expensive. There are still plans to flip field 5 and this needs to be done before new lights are put in. Marriott said that the club is looking into grants and will also be asking the city for some funds. They will also approach the county about this since Glenwood is the only club in Mills County. She said the club is willing to "pound the pavement" to get the necessary funds. Mattox said he will check on the power because he thought the lights at 3 and 4 worked. Marriott asked if the small green building could be left in place while the new concession building is being built, but that is probably not possible due to the location. As far as User Agreements go, the board is still working on the details and Mattox is looking into the cost of fertilizing the fields. Mattox also says he needs a set schedule of all games so he knows when to prepare the fields. There also needs to be better communication with Mattox when the club is doing other work at the fields.

Dianne Burchett with the YMCA requested use of the park for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 from 8:00-noon. They would also like to have Shelter B reserved for use. Mattox said they would have the park cleaned up and ready. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to allow the YMCA to host the Easter Egg Hunt at the park. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Public Works has offered to sell the Gravely walk-behind mower to the park for \$3500. After a brief discussion the board decided they will not make this purchase. It just doesn't seem like a wise financial decision at this time. Also Mattox is concerned about how much part time help he will have this summer and without enough help, the mower wouldn't be able to be utilized.

The board has been exploring the possibility of purchasing a used skid loader. With the amount we have budgeted right now, \$26,000, we will not be able to find what we need. Mayor Kohn stated that the City has ARPA funds to be used and they are trying to figure out how to spend them for each department. A skid loader is a possibility for those funds.

This led to a further discussion regarding the budget. We will need to make sure to spend what is remaining in this year's budget, especially if we are not purchasing a skid loader. Mattox said he needs to spend a good chunk on baseball for needed supplies and for fertilizer treatments. He spoke with TruGreen and they estimated a cost of \$5000 just for the spring application. In other budget news, although we requested our budget be raised for next year, it is remaining the same.

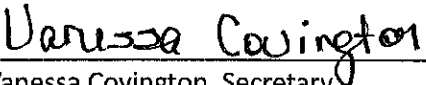
There was a discussion regarding check-in and check-out times for the campground. It was decided that there really is not a need for a specific check-in time, but we do need to have a set check-out time of 11:00 a.m. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to set the campground check-out time to 11:00 a.m.

We need to begin advertising for the Camp Host position. Romens spoke with board member Henderson on the phone and he agreed to post it on some social media sites like he did last year. Mattox said he would post on a "retired military" page that he is a part of.

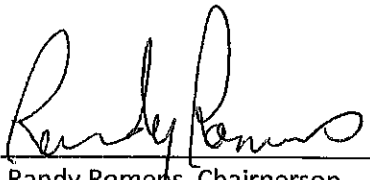
Superintendent Report: Mattox has still been taking time off this winter. They got the break room construction almost finished in the shop. He said that the museum has asked about making sure their sidewalks are cleared when it snows. This is stated in the User Agreement, but we may need to make some clarifications/changes for next year.

Chairman Report: Romens shared the engineered renderings for the two trail bridges they have been working on.

Motion by McCue, 2nd by Covington to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 3, Nays 0.



Vanessa Covington, Secretary



Randy Romens, Chairperson