

The March 16, 2023 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

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

Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Tara Painter of the Glenwood Public Library addressed the board to seek permission to hold a Foam Blaster event at the park on Friday, July 28 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. The event uses an "environmentally friendly" foam spray. Some questions were asked about the safety of the runoff into the lake. The board would like to have the chemical MSDS sheet to check with DNR. There are no other concerns about having the event at the park. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to approve the use of the park for the Library Foam Blaster event contingent upon the safety of the product. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Anthony Smothers from Vermeer addressed the board to seek permission to use the park for an Advanced Rigging Arborist Training Class. The class would be on Tuesday, May 23 and they would need use of the park from 6:00am-5:00pm. They expect between 30-70 in attendance. Trained professionals will choose a couple of trees (along with guidance from Park Superintendent Mattox) to climb and trim branches. They will clean up the area when they are done. Covington asked if this date would interfere with end of school activities. Farnan said she does not have a request from the school on the calendar yet for that date. She said she will not allow use of the park for school or other events on that day. She will also reserve a shelter for the event. Farnan said she can also put out an announcement that there will be tree trimming done on that day. Farnan also asked if Smothers could meet with the Tree Board prior to the event. He said that would not be a problem. McCue asked if participants paid a fee for this class and Smothers said they do. Covington clarified that the question is whether or not we should charge a fee for the use of the park. Board members and Park Assistant Schoening agreed there is benefit from the event because they will trim some trees that need to be trimmed. Motion by Henderson, 2nd by Covington to allow Vermeer to use the park for the Arborist Training. Ayes 4, Nays 0, Abstain – McCue

Farnan presented the board with an easement request from MidAmerican Utilities. After looking at a map and a brief discussion, the board agrees that this should not affect the cross country course and does not see an issue with allowing this easement.

Also on the agenda was an easement request from Mills County Communications. Farnan said she has not received enough information regarding this request so it was tabled.

Farnan said the Park has received \$5000 from the Ray Thomas Trust. The funds must be used by June 30 of this year. Schoening suggested that this might be a way to pay for the "fall protection" material under the playground equipment that will be installed at the baseball complex. He said he and Mattox could work on getting some price estimates put together.

Farnan left the meeting.

Mass said that her church (LDS) youth group would like to do a service project at the park on April 22. She stated it would likely be 50-60 youth and also parents/leaders. She said they can do trash pickup or whatever else might be needed. Covington asked if there was any painting that might need done. There is always trash and limbs to be picked up, but Henderson said it might be nice for them to have something else to do. After some discussion we decided that with adult supervision we could have them paint the pump house and the old shop building. Mass said they could provide brushes, rollers, etc if the park could supply the paint. The group will also need access to a shelter for the the event. Covington mentioned that Mass will need to check with Farnan because all the participants will likely need to sign a liability waiver. The board approves this event.

Stephen Hunt from the museum has asked about getting more light in the parking lot. Dusk to dawn floodlights can be purchased for around \$75. Schoening thought if they installed one on the restroom building that it would help light up the lot for the museum. After some discussion we decided that it might also be good to put one on the new shop building and possibly a shelter. This might deter some issues that go on at the park after dark. Schoening agreed that they would purchase and install the lights. Also in this discussion Henderson asked if the light had ever been installed at Hiley Park. Schoening said he would check.

The board reviewed the three Campground Host resumes and agreed to contact Mike Krueger regarding the position. Romens asked if Henderson and Schoening could stay after the meeting and they would try to give him a call. We need to ask if he could be here for the duration of the camping season and point out the importance of good communication.

Covington took a few minutes to talk to the board about a disc golf course at the park. She said she and her son, a disc golfer, think the back trails of the park would be a good location. Covington has been in contact with a personal friend who designs courses. He does a consultation and then puts together a proposal that also includes funding sources/ideas for the course. Covington said that the consultation fee is \$450 for approximately four hours on site. Romens said he thinks disc golf is a great idea for the city. Covington said it is a relatively inexpensive project and believes it would bring people to Glenwood. Motion by McCue, 2nd by Mass to move forward with the \$450 consultation/feasibility study. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Mass left the meeting.

Superintendent Report: Schoening said with some of the nice days they have been able to begin some of the spring cleanup. They have been going through the park buildings and sorting, organizing, cleaning. They have also been experimenting with pouring concrete slabs for benches inside the shop while it is cold. If it works they will be able to install benches in a more timely manner. They have been looking to see what can be done with the restrooms at the city fields since the new building is not happening. Covington asked about seasonal help. Schoening said Doug plans on coming back. We need to start advertising for the other positions.

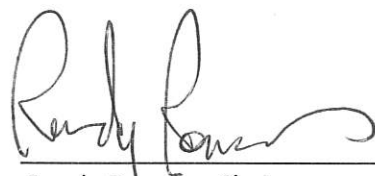
Chairman Report: Romens stated that he thinks the User Agreements may have to stay "as is" for now. So far he has not been able to come up with different dollar amounts because there are so many variables. He also emphasized that we need to make sure that the clubs/organizations are communicating with us regarding their activity. Schoening agreed with this. Romens stated that City Council has approved the installation of the new trail bridges which means the "scary bridge" by the horseshoe pits will be coming out. There was some discussion on whether the bridge could be used elsewhere, but it doesn't seem like it would be feasible.

There was some continued discussion about what is happening with the small pond. The board thought that the city engineer (Eagle Engineering) was going to take a look at it and let us know what could be done. Mayor Kohn checked with Eagle and they said they thought we were waiting on DNR. Romens said he would contact DNR to see if they could be of any help. Romens also stated that he will personally purchase a couple of the flashing lights to install on the island to help deter the geese from nesting there.

The meeting was adjourned.



Vanessa Covington, Secretary



Randy Romens, Chairperson