

The April 20, 2023 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

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

Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the March 16 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Julianne Marriott of the Glenwood Baseball and Softball Club addressed the board. She said they have secured funding from the SW Iowa Grant to purchase a new scoreboard. They would also like to purchase a second scoreboard so they can have them on both fields 3 and 4. The club will provide the funding for this and the scoreboards will be purchased and installed in the fall. Marriott said that Vermeer would bore the lines for them. Mattox asked that they get with him when they mark the lines before boring. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the purchase and installation of two new scoreboards by the Glenwood Baseball and Softball Club. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Dave Ensley from the Iowa Arborists Association addressed the board regarding use of the park for their tree climbing competition. This would require preparation and set up on May 24-26, with the competition being held on May 27. Preparation would include pruning trees that they plan on using. Ensley has already walked through the park to identify possible trees to be used. The competition would include approximately 50 competitors and around 200 in attendance all together. He will provide proof of liability insurance to City Administrator Farnan. The board discussed parking because there will be a concert at the Davies Amphitheater that evening. Ensley said they will not use the parking at the top of the amphitheater. He also asked if we would like that very large cottonwood at the horseshoe pits put on the ground. The board agreed that it needs to be removed. Ensley will take it down and chip up what he can. The park will have to figure out what to do with what he cannot cut up and chip. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to allow the Iowa Arborists Association to use the park on May 24-27 for their tree climbing competition and to allow Ensley to take down the old cottonwood tree. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Cameron Childers of Tabor First Christian Church addressed the board regarding a pickleball tournament. His youth group would like to hold a fundraising tournament on June 9-11. He has already spoken to the PickleBall Club regarding reserving the courts for those days. This is the first time a group has asked to reserve the courts for a tournament so there was some discussion regarding what to charge per day. Romens suggested \$100/day and Henderson felt like \$50/day was more reasonable. Motion by McCue, 2nd by Henderson to allow FCC Tabor to hold a pickleball tournament on June 9-11 for a fee of \$50/day. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Romens said that the winterkill on the grass at the baseball fields was very bad this year. Mattox agreed. The outfield grass is basically dead and needs to have something done as soon as possible. They have talked this over with members of the baseball club. It is agreed that just aerating the fields will not help and broadcast seeding will also not produce the results needed at this time. It needs to be drilled or hydro seeded. Mattox said it will cost about \$350 to rent the machine to drill the seed and it could possibly take up to 800 lbs of seed. He will look into buying seed in bulk instead of bags to see if that would save some money. Quick estimates say it could cost up to \$3500 to get this done. The board looked at the budget and it seems we will have to move some money around a bit to make this possible,

but it really has to be done or matters will just get worse. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to spend up to \$3500 to drill seed at the baseball fields. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Romens left the meeting.

The City Council has already approved the contract or GRC to do the landscaping at the park again this summer. The board is in agreement with this. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to approve the contract for GRC landscaping and maintenance at the park. Ayes 3, Nays 0

Discussion of the Facility Use Agreements was tabled.

Superintendent Report: a). At the March meeting there was discussion about using the Ray Thomas grant money for fall protection material for the playground equipment to be installed at the baseball complex. Mattox stated that the money has to be used for the "parks" side and not the "rec" side. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding what we should spend the \$5000 on. It needs to be spent by June 30. (Romens returned to the meeting) The board talked about the fountain for the lake. Mattox said a new fountain is much more than \$5000. The old one still worked the last time it was turned on but the lights have not worked in a long time. It was suggested that maybe we could order more picnic tables. Henderson said they would like to have some new ones at Hiley Park. Mattox said they are probably around \$1000 each including shipping. McCue was not sure that was a wise use of the money at this time. Mattox suggested that we could probably use some new trash cans. Covington asked if anything needed to be done with the fishing dock. Mattox said he would eventually like to replace it with a floating dock that can be removed over the winter, but that would likely cost more than \$5000. Romens wondered about going ahead and purchasing some disc golf baskets. Covington thought it might be best to wait on that until we have gotten the disc golf proposal done. In the end, it was decided that we would continue to think about this and talk about it again at the next meeting. Also during this discussion we talked about using wood chips from the old cottonwood for fall protection material.

b). Mattox asked about the lights in the parking lot that were discussed at the last meeting. He feels like there is enough light. He will talk to Steve Hunt to see where he thinks the new lights are needed. Covington mentioned that at the previous meeting the lights that were suggested were not very expensive if we do decide they are needed. Mattox will also talk to MidAmerica regarding replacing the light on the pole to a new LED light. Also in the discussion Mattox stated that it bothers him that we do not have a light on the flag pole. It was agreed that he should purchase a solar light and install it.

c). The service project that Chelsey Mass was organizing has been moved to May 20 due to the continued cold temperatures.

d). Mattox stated that per City Council's request he had gotten bids for the rotten pole and new lights at the ball fields. City Council approved this and the work has been done by Bluffs Electric.

e). Mattox provided estimates from TruGreen for treating the baseball fields and soccer fields. He is working on trying to get a bid from one more company.

f). Mattox said the ball field and soccer field roads have been scarified and new rock put down. He also put down some rock at the pickle ball courts to expand their parking a bit. A new person has been hired to replace Jon Schoening and should start on April 27. We are still needing part time help. Mattox stated

that the new campground host is doing well so far. He may ask him if he would like to take on some mowing also.

Mayor Kohn asked if we needed dirt. He said Mark Hughes has offered dirt to us. The board discussed if we should again try to fill in the small pond. Mattox said we would have to figure out how to get the dirt into the pond and that may require removing trees. We would also need equipment and manpower to move the dirt around. It is great that the dirt is available to us, but we need to figure out how to make it work. Mattox will talk to Mark Hughes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Vanessa Covington
Vanessa Covington, Secretary

Randy Romens
Randy Romens, Chairperson