

The Glenwood Park Board held a special meeting on May 2, 2023 at the Glenwood Lake Park small pond. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll call: Randy Romens, Jim Henderson, Malcolm McCue, Vanessa Covington, Park Superintendent Ron Mattox, Mayor Ron Kuhn, City Administrator Amber Farnan, Deputy City Clerk Amanda. Also present was Mark Hughes of Mark Hughes Construction.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss filling in the small pond. Hughes has offered to donate the dirt and the hauling of the dirt. He estimates that it will take approximately 7500 cubic feet of dirt. That is 750 dump truck loads. He also estimates that it will take 7-10 days. The dirt will be coming from the 6<sup>th</sup> Street construction project. He anticipates being able to start bringing in the dirt in about 10 days. Since the park does not have the equipment or manpower to move and level out the dirt once it is dumped, Hughes has offered to do this for \$1500/day. Farnan presented some estimates for renting equipment to do this work, but it would not be cost effective, and again, we do not have the manpower this time of year.

Farnan stated we do not need a flood permit from the DNR, but we will need a permit from the city. The city will want to know how much dirt the project will take and also what the intended elevation will be. There was some discussion regarding elevation and making sure we have proper runoff and don't end up with a "bowl" once the ground settles. There was also discussion on the intended use of this area in the future. Romens said a likely plan will be to expand the campgrounds into this area. There could also be room for a future playground area.

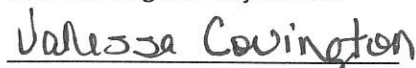
Once the pond is filled in, the area will need to be seeded with grass. This will be an additional expense. There is also likely to be damage to the road with all the truck traffic. Mattox stated that the road already needs work and we will need to plan for this in the next fiscal year. Other discussion points – the need to remove a couple trees in order for the trucks to get in and out, notice to the public, notice to the current campers, "no parking" signs placed along the road, and taking out the dock and the two benches.

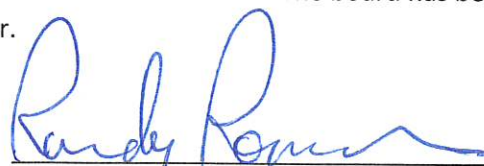
Motion by Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Covington to recommend to City Council to have Mark Hughes Construction fill in the small pond with donated dirt and manpower for moving dirt at \$1500/day, not to exceed \$15,000. Ayes 3, Nays 1 (McCue)

Motion by Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Covington to allow Mattox to remove up to two trees for access to the pond area. Ayes 3, Nays 0, McCue abstained.

McCue offered some thoughts regarding his position on this matter. He worries that the board is making a rash decision. He said he understands that the dirt is free, but it still comes with a lot of cost. He questioned what the cost will be for seeding and what the cost will be for road repairs. McCue also said he feels we may just be replacing one eye sore with another. He also stated that we need to be prepared to answer to the community when they question this project. Henderson said that he does understand McCue's concerns, but he also does not feel this is a rash decision. The board has been discussing the options for the small pond for over a year.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
Vanessa Covington, Secretary

  
Randy Romens, Chairperson