

The August 17, 2023 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll Call: Randy Romens, Jim Henderson, Vanessa Covington, Chelsey Mass, Park Superintendent Ron Mattox

Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the July 20, 2023 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Jacque Young of the SWI Pickleball Club joined the meeting. She asked for an update on the status of the new storage building. Mattox stated that it should be delivered in a couple weeks. There was a discussion on where the building should be located. Young said she thinks it should be placed at the northeast corner of the courts. Mattox thought that would work. Next, Young stated that for maximal use of the shed, electricity is needed. Romens stated that he didn't know if the building could have electricity because of the floodplain. There is a power pole near the northeast corner of the courts and possibly an outlet could be put there. Mattox will contact Bluffs Electric to have them come out and take a look at what could be done and get an idea of what it would cost. Young then asked what the next steps would be in attaining a water supply. Romens said he has not had any time in the last month to look into it. There was some discussion about how boring under the street still seems to be the best solution. Young said she has been taking five gallon buckets of water from home to clean the courts. Romens mentioned that the neighbor behind the courts has said they are welcome to hook up to his spigot when they need to. In the meantime, we will just have to keep exploring the water options and the cost of the options. Young mentioned that the weeds need to be sprayed at the courts and they are in need of more gravel in the parking lot. Mattox said he would need to get gravel underneath the new building and he could put some in the parking lot at the same time. Finally, Young asked about spraying pickleball lines on the tennis courts for use over the winter. She said that the club members could tape the lines in preparation and then asked if Mattox could use the city line sprayer. He said that there is a lot of overspray with that and using a two-inch roller would be best. Before leaving the meeting Young stated that approximately 175 players per week were using the courts and they are still giving free lessons on Wednesdays.

During last month's meeting, park employee Devin Tadin mentioned that he had spoken with DNR and they had said something about us not complying with the current Goose Management Plan. Mattox and the board feels like we have followed through with several of the suggestions – enforcement of the feeding ban, stop mowing within 30-50 feet of the creek, reduce mowing between sidewalk and lake, getting rid of the island, etc. Mattox said he doesn't like not mowing because it looks bad and he gets complaints. Mass also mentioned that she had been asked about the "wildflowers" again because they look so bad. Mattox and the board would really like to see them gone. Romens said he would contact the DNR and arrange a meeting with them.

Going along with the goose discussion, Mattox said we really need a skid loader with a brush. This is the best, most efficient way to keep the sidewalks clean.

Romens said that the city is putting together a plan regarding food trucks. They cannot park within a certain distance of permanent food establishments. Therefore, the city is looking into where they can be allowed to park. As a board, we looked at maps of our city parks and rec areas and came up with some locations: at the entrance of the park across from the big rock, across from the campground in the small

parking area, near the tennis courts, near the basketball court at city field and possibly near the aquatic center (when it is closed for the season and soccer is in session).

Disc Golf update – This is tabled until next month. Covington stated she still continues to work on it, but nothing to report at this time.

There was a brief discussion regarding the responsibilities between the park and the baseball/softball club in reference to the new building. Mattox stated that he would clean the restrooms, but the club needs to be responsible for the concession part of the building.

Superintendent Report – Mattox stated it has been hard to get some things done with all the rain. When it is not raining they have been doing a lot of mowing. He has still been working on the dirt at the small pond location but he said he needs to rent a track skid loader to continue. If the weather cooperates he hopes to get to it next week. It should only take one day and be under \$1000. Mattox said he finally got all the parts to the new dock so they will work on getting it put together. He needs to pour some concrete pads for new benches and would like to pour several at a time (even if we don't have benches yet). He said the problem is that when people are purchasing benches they are asked to choose a location. The board thought our Bench Policy stated that they could not choose the location. We need to look at the policy at next month's meeting. Mattox said he will talk to Konfrst again about getting the trees removed that the Tree Board had identified. Covington asked about the very large tree near the old horseshoe pits. It needs to be taken down before it comes down and hurts someone, but it is massive and will be quite expensive. Next, Mattox said that he had spoken with Stephen Hunt regarding the light that he wants installed. We would have to have electricity run to that area in order to install a light. The cost is much more than just the \$74 light. Mattox is going to look into what it would take to put a new LED fixture in the current light pole. Mattox stated that at some point he needs to have more tools available to him. He sometimes has to put off a project until he can bring tools from home. Covington suggested he do an inventory and provide us with a list of what he needs.

The meeting was adjourned.

Vanessa Covington
Vanessa Covington, Secretary

Randy Romens
Randy Romens, Chairperson