

The September 21, 2023 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll Call: Chairman Randy Romens, Jim Henderson, Vanessa Covington, Chelsey Mass, Assistant Park Superintendent Devin Tadin, Mayor Ron Kohn.

Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the August 17, 2023 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Stephen Hunt of the Glenwood Museum joined the meeting. He stated his frustration that the requested extra lighting in the parking lot had still not been addressed. He said that it has been approved but nothing has been done. Covington said that we had talked about at last month's meeting. At that meeting Mattox said that he would have to check with an electrician because there was not electricity where Hunt wanted the light. Hunt said that was not the case. Romens agreed that the lighting needed to be taken care of. He asked Tadin to have Mattox look into it when he got back from vacation. Next, Hunt stated that he wanted confirmation from the Park Board that the parking lot was going to be cleared by the city crew this winter. He said if they can clear a public parking lot on the square and drive right by to clear the street going to Holy Rosary, there is no reason why they can't pull in and clear the parking lot. Covington stated that she is still confused about the museum/park relationship and how all this should be handled. Henderson said the park was "seasonal", therefore snow removal wasn't always done, but Hunt said that the park is not "seasonal". Romens told Hunt that we as a Park Board don't have any control over what the city crew does and Hunt needs to speak with them. Mayor Kohn said that he is sure there is an order of priority when it comes to the city clearing streets and lots, but he does not know what it is. Hunt continued to push us to make sure this was taken care of, but Romens told him that we really couldn't do that. Hunt said that he would get on the City Council Agenda to see if they would take care of it. Hunt left the meeting.

Jacque Young of the Pickleball Club joined the meeting. She wanted to know what the status was with getting water to the courts. Tadin did not know what Mattox had done with this. She also said they would still like to get some more gravel put down and that the weeds were still bad. She also wondered about getting more concrete poured. There was a brief discussion on these requests, but no decisions made. Young also stated that they had purchased 10 more benches for outside the courts since they now have a building to store them in. Young left the meeting.

The board then discussed the geese mitigation plan. Romens said that he was unable to connect with the DNR after last month's meeting. Covington stated that we really need to have them come to an upcoming meeting. Romens said he would like to purchase some floating/blinking lights that are supposed to help keep the geese away. The board agreed that it was probably worth a try. Henderson said that there are signs at the shelters that say "Please Do Not Feed the Geese Near the Shelter." He said this is misleading because people are not supposed to be feeding the geese at all. Tadin said there are "Do Not Feed The Geese" signs down by the lake. Covington suggested that the ones on the shelters be removed and we add more of the "Do Not Feed the Geese" signs.

Covington gave a brief update on the proposed Disc Golf Course. She said she was still working on getting at least one more bid. This is a bit difficult because the first proposal/bid is all inclusive (course design/signage/equipment/installation) and most others are not all inclusive. She did state that she had spoken with a course designer out of Omaha and he is hopefully going to come down this weekend. He

specializes in revitalizing under-used park facilities for disc golf courses. Covington said that she had recently walked the back trails where she hopes to start the course and they really look nice after being mowed and cleared a bit. She said that she had talked to a man out of Council Bluffs who rents out goats to clear overgrown areas. They eat the nettles, poison ivy, etc. It is worth keeping as an option if we do need to do some major clearing. Covington also stated that she would like to get started on fundraising soon. She also mentioned that something needs to be done about the drainage at the beginning of the back trails. Tadin agreed. There is one large hose that comes off of the museum/shop building and all the water drains right onto the trail. It has created very large washouts and is treacherous to walk on. We need to talk to the museum about how to fix this.

Hiley Park Fun Fest is coming up. Henderson said that he thinks there are enough picnic tables there, but they will just need to be moved around. Tadin said he would bring some extra trash cans and make sure the park is mowed and cleaned up. Henderson did mention that someone had vandalized the Little Free Library recently, but he got it repaired.

Superintendent Report – Tadin said that they have all the parts for the floating dock, but at this point getting it put together will be a winter project. There is currently a 5-6 week fall baseball season going on and soccer is also underway. Their parttime guy was recently injured (not at the park) so they are without him for mowing, etc. Tadin said he has been working on replacing light bulbs and receptacle covers in the shelters. He said that Hunt had asked him about why there were vehicles parked in some of the camping spots. We suggested that he just check with the campground host about this. Romens asked where we were with tree removal. He asked that Tadin have Mattox make that a priority to get done.

The board discussed the Fishery Survey Report provided by the DNR. The survey was done on June 12, 2023 and shows that the fish population is poor. As we are pumping water into the lake, we are bringing in lots of carp which are not good to have. DNR says the best way to improve our fish population is to kill it out and restock. They suggest promoting a winterkill this winter and report that the water level is already low enough to make it a possibility. Tadin said they did just turn the pump off for the winter. No decisions or motions were made regarding this report, but we would like to improve the fish population. As with the geese mitigation, we would like to have DNR attend an upcoming meeting to discuss this further.

The meeting was adjourned.



Vanessa Covington, Secretary



Randy Romens, Chairperson