

The October 19, 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

Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Roger Craig of the Glenwood Pickleball Club addressed the board. First, he asked for a water supply update. Mattox said he had gotten bids from Kearn (\$9200) and from Wright Underground (\$10,000). This is for boring under the street. Included in these bids is the \$1,630 cost for supplies from the water department. Henderson mentioned that Top Tier would do the boring for free in lieu of a sign placed, Romens asked Henderson if he could talk to Top Tier and get a bid for the rest of the project. Mattox said that he had spoken to City Council and City Administrator Farnan said we do not have the money in the budget for this project. Covington stated that she understands the need for the water supply, but \$10,000 is a lot of money. Next, Craig requested a hose and water to clean the wind screens and court surface. Mattox said that he could get the street department water truck to spray the screens. He would like to do it tomorrow, Friday, while the weather is warm. Mattox also suggested waiting until the leaves are down before washing the court so they do not stain it. The discussion continued with the topic of getting pickleball lines painted on the tennis court for winter use. Craig said he was a bit concerned because of the height of the nets, but at least people will have a place to play when the official courts are closed for the winter. Mattox told him to let him know when they have it taped off and he will paint it with yellow paint. Finally, the pickleball club is requesting an 8x10 concrete slab at the courts. Mattox said that a bid from Gary White was \$1700 and does not include any needed dirt work. This would maybe have to be a spring project. McCue asked Craig if the pickleball club could do a cost share for this and Craig stated that they likely could. No decision was made at this time.

Covington gave a brief update on disc golf. She met with Chris Oien out of Omaha last week. He specializes in putting in courses in under-utilized park spaces such as our back trails. After walking through the park he was very confident that the space would work for a course. Covington stated she is waiting to hear back from him with a bid. Covington also asked if anyone knew who to contact at GRC regarding the disc golf course there. She is wondering about acquiring the baskets to save money on our project. Mattox said that Devin Tadin's brother works up there and he will ask Devin about it.

Mattox stated that we needed to make a couple changes on the Chapter 47 park regulations. #7 is regarding curfew. Chief Johansen says we definitely need to have this but Mattox suggested that we change 8:30 a.m. with 6:00 a.m. The board agreed with this change. The second change is to #8. It will be changed to "No tent camping allowed." With this change, #9 can be removed.

Superintendent Report: Mattox said he had once again discussed the parking lot lighting with Stephen Hunt of the museum. Mattox said Hunt wants four lights at \$200 each plus running the electric. Mattox talked to Bluffs Electric and they suggested putting two new LED flood lights on our existing poles. The estimate for this is \$1625. Romens said we had previously approved lighting for the parking lot and that Mattox should just go ahead and get it done. Mattox said he has pulled the pump for the winter and the water level is good. He has also starting shutting off water and winterizing where he can. He reports that the small pond area is doing good, but he has talked to Mark Hughes about possibly getting a bit more

dirt. He said he would like to drill seed the area in the spring. Mattox said he had purchased some new brackets so he could mount the plow onto the new UTV. As far as the geese situation, Mattox said the poop situation has been better this year. Covington once again asked if we could get rid of the wildflowers. Mattox said he thinks we need to ask City Council and also discuss it with DNR. Covington stated that we still need to have DNR attend a meeting to discuss the geese mitigation and the fish situation.

Henderson reported that Hiley Park Fun Fest went well. Mattox asked if they used any water because the meter read that nothing had been used. Henderson said they did use a little bit. Mattox said he will talk to the water department because the meter may not be working. Henderson also stated that Kiwanis did not get the big grant that they had applied for.

Covington asked about tree removal. Mattox said that if we could dispose of the trees then Konfrst could get the four taken down right away for \$1600. The problem is figuring out what to do with the trees once they are down. Some of the branches could be chipped and the mulch could be saved, but we still have to do something with the large pieces. Mattox will talk to Jamie from the street department about what they do with their trees when they are removed. Romens said that we had previously had this tree removal in the budget and we just need to go ahead and get it done.

The meeting was adjourned.


Vanessa Covington


Randy Romens