

The March 21, 2024 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, Park Superintendent Ron Mattox, Mayor Winqvist, Councilman Mike Lines.

Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Shawn Koehler of the Glenwood Baseball Club addressed the board. He stated that he had four requests and reminded the board that the Baseball Club had made \$18,000 of improvements in the past year. 1. The club would like to use the old concession stand for storage. The board had previously talked about tearing this building down. Koehler said they still use it for storage of equipment. Their plan is to gut the building and add shelves. Eventually they will take out the sliding doors, probably add a garage door and re-side the building. The club will cover the costs for this project. Mass asked if the building was currently an eyesore. Mattox stated it really isn't too bad. 2. The club would like to get the lights back on for Field #5. Whitetail Electric has estimated it will cost between \$1500-\$5000. This project was slated to be down a couple years ago, approved by the board, and an electrician was paid for materials. Unfortunately, the electrician never did the work and the city had to request a refund. Koehler said this field is really needed. Five years ago, there were nine ball teams. This year there are 22 teams. Covington asked if we have enough money in the budget still this year. Winqvist said she would speak to City Council about this since we had previously approved this project. 3. The baseball club has installed the new scoreboard on field 3 and the one on field 4 is ready to go up. They need to install new beams for this one. They would like to sell the two old scoreboards with the funds going back to the club. There was some question if they could do this if the scoreboards were city property. They are old and we really don't know when they were installed. Koehler stated that the funds from selling these would go back to the scholarship fund for kids who need it. Romens suggested that we gift the scoreboards to the Baseball Club for this purpose. 4. Koehler said that sometimes the fields get like "concrete". They have a piece of equipment that they use to drag the fields, but really don't have a way to move it from the baseball complex to the city field. They would like to lease a small tractor for the summer. Mattox asked if they ever used the equipment that the park has at city field and Koehler stated that they had not. Mattox also stated that maybe they could sometimes leave the older Gator at the city field for the club to use. There were some questions about whether they could do this due to liability. Mayor Winqvist said she would look into this.

In response to Koehler's requests: 1. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to allow the Glenwood Baseball Club to utilize the old concession building for storage and to do the work on the building as needed. Ayes 4, Nays 0. 2. Motion by Henderson, 2nd by Mass to allow Whitetail Electric to work on the lights on Field #5 with the amount not to exceed \$5000. 3. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to gift the two old scoreboards to the baseball club. Ayes 4, Nays 0. 4. Tabled for now.

The baseball discussion continued with Koehler stating that two years ago the fence on Field #4 was damaged during the windstorm. It was never turned into insurance. He has asked Farnan to check to see if insurance can still take care of it as the fence needs to be repaired. Koehler also stated that they are still working on plans to flip Field #5. It will need new fence and new bleachers, but they would like to leave the old bleachers behind the field. He also stated that flipping the field will not affect the light repairs that will be done. Mattox said that the water will likely not be turned back on before the first

games due to still freezing temperatures. Mattox also said that he needs a complete and accurate game schedule so he can have the fields prepared. Koehler left the meeting.

Romens has continued to work on the use agreements. We had previously talked about doing a flat fee instead of a per person fee for the youth sports clubs. Now Romens feels like we probably just need to stick with per person fees. Covington suggested that we raise the fee from \$8 to \$10 dollars. We have not raised these fees in several years. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Mass to increase the fee to \$10 per athlete. Ayes 4, Nays 0. We will work to get the user agreements updated and sent out to each club/organization.

We have not had any applicants for the camp host position. Farnan has told Mattox we need to move forward assuming we will not have one this camping season. Farnan also said she would like the park employees to take over reservations, collecting fees, etc. Mattox said that maybe part time employee Meggison could take on these responsibilities. If so, Mattox will ask about giving him a bit of a pay raise. Mattox said he would like to keep site 1 open for at least a couple weeks in April in case we would still be able to find a host.

There was a brief discussion regarding the location of the new dock. This was discussed last month. Mattox feels the best place is at the north end of the lake. Henderson said that he feels this isn't a good location since this is the narrow end of the lake. Covington said she had walked around the lake recently and couldn't see where else to place it due to the steep banks, large rocks, etc. Mass asked if the placement would have to be permanent and Mattox said that it was not. The dock could be moved. Romens stated that maybe we could explore purchasing another dock in the future and Covington said then we could replace the one at the south end that needs some work. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Mass to place the new dock at the north end of the lake. Ayes 3, Nays 1 (Henderson). After this discussion and vote Mattox stated that in the future, he feels like decisions like this should be left up to him and should not need board approval. Covington thanked him for reminding the board of this.

Covington said she had two new bids for the new disc golf course. She said that both bids are not identical, but that she felt we could still make a decision. The first bid is from Zenith Disc Golf in Colorado. It is \$23,050 for an 18-hole course and includes everything except for the tee pads. The next bid is from American Disc Golf in Omaha. This bid is for \$10,000 for a 9-hole course (to possibly include 18 baskets) and includes tee pads, but not baskets. There is also a bid from Nebraska Disc Golf Company for \$9975 for 19 baskets. These are top of the line baskets, but we would be getting them at a discount. Henderson asked why we needed 19 baskets. Covington stated that there is some consideration of putting in 9 tee pads and having a long hole and short hole for each tee pad. The company also suggests ordering one extra basket just to have in case the need arises. Currently we have around \$10,000 from the Ron Kohn memorial, the county has agreed to give us \$7000, last month it was stated that park board may be able to pitch in a bit, and we are still working on fundraising. We plan to host an event at the park and Keg Creek Brewing on May 11, and we will also bring in some money by selling sponsorships for each of the 9 holes. Covington said we are very close to being able to begin the construction of the course. Motion by Henderson, 2nd by Mass to accept the bid from American Disc Golf Design and Nebraska Disc Golf Company. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

There was a very brief discussion regarding pickleball. The new concrete is in and the work on the waterline is expected to be started in a couple of weeks. It was noted that there had been some "discussion" on the Glenwood Buzz regarding the court being closed during the winter. This decision had

been made by the board on the recommendation of the pickleball club. Henderson suggested that we may need to post a sign on the courts stating that they are closed during the winter with notation that this is a city decision.

Romens updated the board on the lights for the lake. Because funds are coming from the Ray Thomas Trust, the lights need to be ordered before June 30. The plan is to start with 9 lights on the roadside of the lake and then add more around the lake at a later time. We have received \$30,000 from the Ray Thomas Fund, \$7500 from Mills County and \$10,000 will come from the park budget. Henderson asked how bright the lights would be and if they would be a problem for the campers. Romens stated that the lights will shine down on the path only and that they will be on a timer for them to come on at dusk, dim after a few hours, and shut off at dawn.

Superintendent Report: Mattox stated that he needs to start getting the baseball fields ready for the season. This includes scarifying and dragging, adding nitrogen, and reseeding. He will need to rent equipment from Corning Rentals. The weekly rental for the tractor, lawn rake, seeder and harrow will be \$1245. He will also work on the small pond area while he has the equipment. The seed and chemicals will cost approximately \$3195 and will be split between the park budget and rec budget. Since this is a yearly budgeted expenditure, Farnan told Mattox that it did not need approval from City Council. Mattox stated that Konfrst had planned to get the dangerous trees taken down recently and then it rained and caused the ground to be too soft. He plans to be there to get the work done next week. Mattox said that he would be ordering more gravel soon and hopes that Jamey from the city department will be able to haul it. Next, Mattox said we need to get ads out for the seasonal positions. He would like Meggison to start on April 1 and then have two more part time employees for the summer. Mattox said the board had received a letter from the Museum Board and that they would be taking over the care and maintenance and the rental of the museum shelter.

Romens said he has purchased two lights for the lake that are supposed to help keep the geese away. Mattox said that he needs to wait until the water level is a bit higher before installing them.

Henderson reported that Kiwanis had received \$40,000 from the Iowa West Foundation for the Hiley Park Project. They are also working on securing a large grant from T-Mobile.

The meeting was adjourned.


Vanessa Covington, Secretary


Randy Romens, Chairperson