

The April 18, 2024 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, and Councilman Mike Lines.

Motion by Henderson, 2nd by Mass to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the March 21, 2024 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Derek White addressed the board regarding the condition of the baseball fields. First, he said that the problem with the moles still needs to be addressed by putting worms into the runs. Mattox said he had looked into this and it was going to be very expensive. White said it is not expensive and the worms can be cut in half. Mattox said that with as many runs as Shaun Koehler said there were, he still didn't think this was feasible. Next, white said fencing needs to be addressed at numerous fields. He said there had been damage done to the fence and poles by mowers. Mattox said he didn't believe his guys had hit them with the mower. Mattox also brought up that last week there was some fence damage done when the heavy winds caught the advertising banners. White then stated that Mattox couldn't just throw down seed whenever. He said that timing was critical and needs to be done right before a rain. Mattox said that it has been difficult to work on the fields because baseball has been on the fields since February already. White also said that the fields were never aerated and seeded last year. Mattox said that he absolutely did aerate and seed last year. Romens said that he had helped with the aeration. Mattox then said that one of his employees had just been told that someone from the baseball club had burned off the fields with Roundup last year. That would possibly explain the condition of those fields this year. White said that that did not happen. Covington then told White that the condition of the fields had just been discussed at a special City Council/Park Board meeting on Tuesday evening and we were working on a plan going forward. She stated that we are getting bids for restoring the fields. Romens also said that the park does not have the equipment needed to do all the work and we are working on a plan going forward.

Anthony Smothers with Vermeer joined the meeting. Last year they held a rigging class in the park and this year they would like to hold their climbing class in the same place. This event will take place on May 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He said if it was raining they would possibly use Shelter C. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to allow Vermeer to hold their climbing class at the park on May 14.

Megan Major and Lori McGoldrick of the Glenwood Soccer Club addressed the board regarding the proposed User Agreements. They were also both at the meeting on Tuesday night and were following up on that discussion. Major presented the park board with information regarding what the club spends on field maintenance. She said she still doesn't think the \$10/per player fee is fair due to all the work they do on the fields. She

said the park maintains the baseball fields and it isn't fair that soccer and baseball still have to pay the same \$10 fee. Covington said that baseball also puts in thousands of dollars towards other work at the fields. Also, the \$10 doesn't even cover the cost of mowing. Major said she would like to see a breakdown of what it costs the park to mow the fields. McGoldrick said that her husband has previously been on the soccer board and that in the past they were not charged the same fee as the other clubs. She also said that Mattox has always been good to work with. Mass said that, as a parent, it seems strange to pay a different user fee amount for different sports and thinks it makes sense for them to all be the same. Covington looked back in the minutes and it appears that in 2019 all the clubs were paying \$7.50/athlete, but the fall season fee was waived for soccer. Henderson asked if the issue with the fee was a financial burden or if it was an issue on principle. Major said that it was on principle. Romens suggested that we move forward with the \$10 fee, but waive the fall fee. He also said that they would not be expected to pay the 2023 from when we did not get User Agreements sent out. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Mass to charge \$10/athlete and waive the fall fees for the Soccer Club. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

The board had a brief discussion regarding the possible need for User Agreements for pickleball and disc golf. Right now it seems that what makes the most sense is to set a fee for when tournaments are held. We will continue this discussion at a later time.

Henderson said he would like us to apply for a grant from Trees Forever to get trees for the campground. He said adding shade trees would reduce the electricity use by campers. The grant will allow for up to \$5000 in trees and the deadline to apply is November 1. There was some discussion as to the best place to put the trees. Covington suggested that Henderson and Mattox look at the location possibilities with the Tree Board. They might also have suggestions regarding the best kind of trees to plant. Motion by Covington, 2nd by Mass to move forward with the Trees Forever grant. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Covington gave an update on Disc Golf. We have enough money to move forward with the installation of the course. We are holding an open house/fundraiser/tournament on May 11. There is a chance that the course will be installed by then. If not, we will bring in portable baskets for the course. The event will then move to Keg Creek Brewing for a longest drive contest, putting contest, etc.

The board discussed the agreement with AgriVision for the use of a tractor from April through October. We reviewed the agreement provided by City Administrator Farnan and are in agreement that this is a great opportunity. Motion by Henderson, 2nd by Covington to accept the agreement. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Mattox said he is still waiting to hear back from the solar light company so he can get the lights ordered. Mattox and Romens said they had decided to go with the single light


on a 15 ft. pole. They will provide the light we need, and because they are less expensive than the double lights, we will probably be able to purchase a few more lights for Phase 1 of the project.

Mattox said that we have someone working as a campground host and he seems to be doing a good job. He may only be here for a month or he might be able to stay for the whole season. Mattox said that if he is unable to stay, the new part time employee, John Tadin, will take over the campground duties. Tadin is working evenings and weekends, so he would be able to keep an eye on the campground. Mattox also said that it is nice to have Tadin as an employee because he has his sprayer's license.

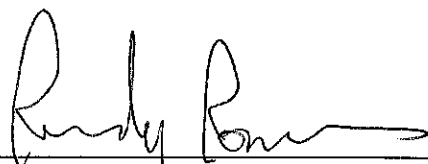
Superintendent Report: Konfrst came and took down the big poplar tree. He will be back to take down the other trees. Six new benches have been installed. Mattox rented equipment to land rake and seed at the small pond. He also planted some oats for early growth. He got all the water turned back on. There were some leaks discovered that he has been dealing with. He will also need to get the water capped off at the old concession building at the baseball fields. They will get the pump reinstalled soon. Mattox said he has been busy mowing and working on the baseball field issues. Mattox also said that there seem to be fewer geese so far this year. He said they seem to be keeping their nests down by the creek. He does plan on getting rid of the wildflowers now that we have removed the small pond. He also said he plans to purchase some t-shirts for his park employees to wear.

Henderson said that the Kiwanis had been awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Iowa West Foundation for the Hiley Park project. He said they are also working on some other grants.

The meeting was adjourned.



Vanessa Covington, Secretary



Randy Romens, Chairperson