

The August 22, 2024 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll Call: Randy Romens, Vanessa Covington, Malcolm McCue, Park Superintendent Ron Mattox, Councilman Mike Lines.

Motion by McCue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Covington to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the July 18, 2024 meeting. Ayes 3, Nays 0

Dan Kammerer and Chief Johansen of the Glenwood Police Department addressed the board. Officer Kammerer is seeking out grants to help rebuild the skate park. His plan would be to enlarge the skating area and add a gravel parking lot. He estimates that the new equipment would be around \$50,000. He says he will talk to local concrete companies regarding possible concrete donations. A couple of the grants he is hoping to apply for are Tony Hawk and Skate Fresh. Kammerer would like the Park Board's approval before moving ahead with this. Motion by McCue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Covington to allow Officer Kammerer to work on grant funding for improvements at the skatepark. Ayes 3, Nays 0

The parks department and the baseball club have had the use of a John Deere tractor since April. The contract with AgriVision goes through the end of October. At that time the tractor will need to be returned, purchased or leased from AgriVision. Mattox stated that the tractor was used very little by the park, but the baseball club used it a lot and it was very helpful for them to be able to do more to care for the fields. At this time we do not know what the cost would be to purchase or lease the tractor. Motion by McCue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Covington to table this discussion until next month when we have more information on the cost.

Alexis Unger of the YMCA joined the meeting. She had a couple questions regarding the current user agreement. First, she is wondering if they could have access to the bathroom building for soccer and flag football. Mattox said he would get her a key, but it needed to be kept with staff and not duplicated. Under also asked about the user agreement stating that the YMCA would mark the fields. Mattox told her not to worry about that. As long as he has the schedule he will continue to take care of it.

Covington asked about the current park shelter reservation system. Currently, when someone reserves the shelter it is for the entire day. Covington wondered about possibly changing it to an hourly reservation. As it is, if someone reserves the shelter but only plans on using it for a couple of hours, it is still listed as reserved and unavailable for the entire day. After a brief discussion, Mattox and the board prefer to leave the policy as it is.

Superintendent Report: A) Mattox reported that the baseball club has been working on flipping field 5. He said they are getting bids for a fence. Shawn Koehler has sprayed

and will begin seeding this weekend. Koehler also told Mattox that they would be needing some more gravel. B) The City Council approved the purchase of a skid loader for \$60,000. Mattox has found a nice, used one that will come with new tracks, forks, broom, bush hog and grapples. It should be delivered by the middle of next week. C) There was a "hit and run" and the city field basketball court that damaged a pole and the fence. Mattox is working with insurance to get this repaired. We do have video evidence of the incident occurring, but no one has been identified yet. D) Mattox said he needs to get a bit more gravel to put down at the pickleball courts.

Romens let the board know that the City Council had approved a \$2/hr raise for Mattox. This is not as much as we had requested, but we are glad he is getting a raise.

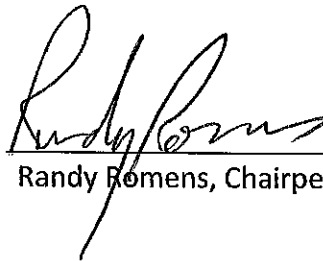
The ice machine at the park doesn't seem to be used a lot. Also, the company received a water bill from the city and they are working on getting that straightened out. Romens said he wonders if they will keep it in the park after the contract is up in October.

The meeting was adjourned.



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Vanessa Covington, Secretary



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Randy Romens, Chairperson