

The November 17, 2022 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, Mayor Ron Kohn.

Covington stated that items b., c., and d. of the Superintendent Report needed to be removed from the agenda. Motion by Henderson, 2nd by Covington to approve the agenda, claims and minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Michelle Wright of the Kiwanis joined the meeting. She gave a presentation regarding updates to Hiley Park that the Kiwanis would like to spearhead. Wright presented a plan to make Hiley Park a "differently-abled facility". Hiley Park is a good location for this because it is in a quiet neighborhood and is less busy than Glenwood Lake Park. This plan is broken down into three phases: 1. Replace the deteriorating retaining wall with a stone retaining wall that would also double as seating, 2. Put down a "pour in place" accessible surface, 3. Replace the gravel parking lot with concrete or asphalt. There is no new equipment as part of this proposal, but new equipment could be installed at another time. Wright said that they had professionals look at the existing equipment and were told it has at least 10-15 years of use left. An estimated cost of this project is \$155,000. Wright said that the Kiwanis has a little money already set aside and would also need to do fundraising. Other sources of income would need to come from the city and from grants. The board is happy to support this project as it moves forward. Motion by Covington, 2nd by McCue to support the project and allow Kiwanis to move forward with a proposal to the City Council. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Small Lake Engineering: The City Council did not approve our recent request for rental of equipment to move forward with the small lake project. They would like us to have engineering done. Romens recently spoke with Leslie Foss from K.P.E. engineering and explained to her what we would like to do. He will also contact Eagle Engineering, the firm used by the city to see if they can come take a look. Mattox stated that we lost a good opportunity for work because now that the large lake is full, there is starting to be ground seepage in the small pond. He did check the valve and there are no leaks there.

Romens and Mattox got together to work on the proposed 23/24 budget. Romens presented that to the board. He stated that there is sometimes some confusion with the budget because it seems the city is not taking things out of the proper line item. He also said one of the big items added to the budget is the purchase of a new truck. The current one has a lot of mileage and is starting to have some issues. It would also be beneficial to have a truck with a blade for clearing the parking lot because the cemetery crew will no longer be doing this. After some discussion on the proposed budget and some changes and corrections, motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the proposed 23/24 budget as amended. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

The budget discussion led into discussion regarding our current budget. We still have 30,000 in the equipment line item. Mattox continued to express the need for a skid loader with a trac. He says this is something that is often needed and right now he has to rent one to complete projects. Mattox would like to look for a used machine but things get tricky with our \$1000 spending limit. He will be looking for a used machine, likely sold by an individual, and they are not going to be willing to wait on Council approval for payment. Motion by McCue, 2nd by Covington to ask Council to go ahead and approve spending up to \$26,000 for a trac skid loader. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Superintendent Report: Current and Completed Projects – The big lake is now full and the pump has been pulled and cleaned for the winter. Water in the parks has been shut off. Mowers have been winterized. There is one toilet that will need to be replaced in the campground bathroom because it has a leak. Mattox is continuing to get bids for the removal of six trees that need to come down right away. He also said there are two very large cottonwoods that he will get bids on. Mattox said he would like to build a small break room in the loft of the shop so they have a place to sit down and eat lunch, etc.

Mayor Kohn reported that the plans have been drawn up for the new building at the baseball complex and now they just need to be put in bid form. He also said that the museum had asked if the park would be using the old building at the baseball fields once the new one is in place. Mattox said he would like to use it for storage.

The board noted that the discussion of User Agreements needs to be on next month's agenda. We also need to add the discussion of campground fees and expenses.

The meeting was adjourned.

Vanessa Covington
Vanessa Covington, Secretary

Randy Romens
Randy Romens, Chairperson