

The June 15, 2023 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, Assistant Devin Tadin. Mayor Ron Kohn and City Administrator Amber Farnan were also at the meeting for a short period.

Motion by Covington, Second by Henderson to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the May 18, 2023 meeting. Ayes 3, Nays 0

Romens reported that he still hasn't had a chance to do any more work on the Rec Agreement revisions. Henderson said that we need to come up with a general agreement with addendums for each group. Mattox said we need to make sure we "set boundaries" with the clubs in these agreements. He also stated that baseball has been a bit better about getting him the schedule, but there are still times that the schedule is not aligning with what fields are being used. Covington said she still feels like we need to meet with each group to go over the agreements. Romens suggested this schedule: July – Little Rams Football, Soccer; August: School (XC and band); September – Baseball/Softball; October – Pickleball. There was some discussion regarding pickleball. We feel that there should be Rec Agreement because they do have a club that charges fees and there are also certain times that the club uses the courts for league play. The league needs to have a schedule and reserve courts for their specified times because they are public courts. Romens will speak to Jackie Young about this.

Covington gave a brief update on the disc golf proposal. She has scheduled a meeting for Monday, June 19 with some local disc golfers to get their input and gather support. She will try to get on the City Council agenda for June 27 if any of the other board members would like to be there.

The floating dock has been ordered. This was purchased with the Ray Thomas money. It will need to be assembled and Mattox said they will also need to add rails. He plans to use some of the lumber from the old dock at the small pond for the rails.

Superintendent Report: They painted some of the old picnic tables and moved them to the new concession stand. Also picnic tables were taken to Hiley Park. They also filled in the trench at the concession stand. Mowing is in full swing. Camp host is going well. He seems to be handling everything and is good about letting them know when things come up. The tree climbing contest went well and the car show is coming up this weekend. The small pond fill-in is probably 80% done. Mattox said that there seems to be minimal damage to the road from the truck traffic. Mass asked if we could get rid of the native wildflowers now that we also no longer have an island for the geese to nest in. We will need to speak to DNR since this is part of the geese mitigation plan. The DNR was out to shock the lake and see what we have for fish. There are bass, sunfish, bluegill and catfish. Unfortunately, little carp are being pumped in from Keg Creek when we pump water into the lake. Carp are not good for the health of the lake. The DNR said we are likely to have another fish kill at the lake due to the amount of nitrogen and there isn't much that can be done about it, but they are working on a plan for us regarding the fish and the lake. Mattox also stated that he has been working with Tadin to have him prepared for when Mattox is out for surgery.

Mayor Kohn asked Mattox to make sure there is plenty of dirt added to the small pond so we do not have a "bowl" effect. Mattox said they are working on it. Kohn also asked about when "screens" will be put in front of the bathroom doors at the ballpark. Mattox said they are also working to get that done.

Farnan joined the meeting and said that there are two injured geese at the lake. They seem to hang out together and she wondered what could be done. Mattox will try to locate them and figure it out. Farnan also asked if the DNR would be rounding up any of the geese. Mattox stated again that we will need to check with DNR regarding the mitigation plan now that the small pond and island have been eliminated.

Henderson mentioned that we need to put the skate park on our radar. It really needs to have some repairs and updates.

Committee Reports: Mattox said that the budget has been spent for the year.

Chairman Report: Romens said that some things are starting to move along with the trails. The bridge across Keg Creek should be placed in November. He also shared a chart given to him by Shawn Koehler with suggestions regarding the baseball field maintenance. Some of these are things that Mattox already does. Others would take more manpower than what we have. Also, we have already gotten a bid from TruGreen about doing some of this. Mattox also stated that there was a local guy who was going to give him a bid but he never heard back. He will try to reach back out to him.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Vanessa Covington, Secretary

  
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Randy Romens, Chairperson