

The December 21, 2023 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll Call: Randy Romens, Jim Henderson, Chelsey Mass, Vanessa Covington, Park Superintendent Ron Mattox

Motion by Covington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henderson to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the November 17, 2023 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0

The board had a work session on December 18 to discuss 1/3/5 year plans and to work on the FY25 budget. Later, Romens met with Mattox to finalize some budget numbers. During today's meeting Romens went over the final budget proposal and shared the changes that had been made. Some budget things that were discussed were the continued need for a skid steer and also the need for a park shop/office. Currently the building that is shared with the museum does not have running water or restrooms and is not big enough for storage needs. The shop is not something that can happen soon but we need to start researching what this will take. Motion by Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mass to submit the budget to City Council as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Previously, the park board had discussed making a change to the Park Ordinances to no longer allow tent camping. At that time we did not vote on this change. Motion by Covington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henderson to no longer allow tent camping at the campgrounds. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Henderson did ask how this would affect special events such as RAGBRAI camping and Mattox said there are exceptions in the ordinance for such events.

Covington gave an update on Disc Golf. She now has bids from Zenith Disc Golf and American Disc Golf Design. American Disc Golf Design has a 9-hole course mapped out and flagged on the cross country course. We feel it is best to start with a 9-hole course here with expansion to the back trails at a later time. On Sunday Covington met with the guys from American Disc Golf and with cross country coach Todd Peverill to walk through the course. Peverill helped to make some minor changes to assure that there would not be interference with the cross country course. After some discussion the board suggested that instead of us approving a bid, that Covington should work on establishing a disc golf club. The club can then discuss which designer they would like to use and start moving forward with fundraising.

The board discussed the tree trimming and removal that has been on the agenda for quite some time. Previously, Konfrst had said he would take down the trees, but Mattox would need to dispose of them. Romens said that we need to get these trees down and asked Mattox to find out how much it will cost for Konfrst to also take care of the disposal. Romens said that we previously had this money in the budget and we just need to get it taken care of. Mattox will talk to Konfrst and see when he can get to the job.

Next on the agenda was the future campground expansion. Romens said we need to keep this on the radar and start to make plans for this. Mattox said that the piece of land would take a dozer to take down and remove the trees. This will not be a cheap project. Mattox also said this isn't something where he can just fell all the trees and just leave them. We would need to have a plan for removing all the downed trees. Henderson suggested that we may not want to take down every single tree and that we need to have a plan before we just go in and start bulldozing. It would be nice to leave some of them. Covington

suggested that Mattox talk to the Tree Board and have them come identify some trees that could remain. The board also discussed exactly how to use this piece of land. Mattox suggested that if we didn't put more campsites there, it would be nice to use it as extra parking for campers who have extra vehicles that they need to park. We also discussed that we have the small pond area that could possibly be used for more campsites in the future.

Mass left the meeting.

Mattox stated that he would like to have a timer put on the lights at the basketball courts. He stated that he has gotten calls from the neighborhood across the streets with concerns of the lights being left on at night. He has contacted Bluffs Electric to install the timer. Motion by Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Covington to approve the installation of a timer on the lights at the courts. Ayes 3, Nays 0

Romens said he had received some information from Jacque Young of the pickleball club. The club has put together a 1-3-5 year plan for the pickle ball courts. There is \$1000/year in the budget allotted to pickleball club and they are working on how best to utilize the funds in the future.

Superintendent Report – They have been working on repainting the interior of the main bathroom building and the men's side of the campground bathroom. They have everything ready to pour more pads for new benches but are waiting because they may have a donation of concrete. Mattox wanted to let us know that he will be taking some time off in January.

Henderson asked if we could have some sort of visual project board with timelines/deadlines to help keep us on track of what we would like to get done. Covington suggested that we add 1-3-5 year plan/project lists to the agenda every month and just take a few minutes to discuss our progress. Henderson said we need to add deadlines to some of the projects. Mattox said it would be helpful to have the board let him know what needs to be done and when.

Henderson also asked that we add repairing the Hiley Park retaining <sup>well</sup> to next month's agenda. We need to figure out how to get this done before it gets any worse.

The meeting was adjourned.

Vanessa Covington  
Vanessa Covington, Secretary

Randy Romens  
Randy Romens, Chairperson