

The January 16, 2025 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

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

Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the agenda, claims, and the minutes of the December 19, 2024 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Romens gave a brief overview of our January 13, 2024 works session. He has updated the 1/3/5 Year Plan. After some discussion regarding putting gravel down at the horseshoe pit area it was decided to strike that from the project list at this time. Mattox believes the gravel would cost upwards of \$15,000 and the board members agreed that there are better ways to spend that money. Mattox also said that he thinks that area would be great for a future shop building. There was also some discussion regarding the retaining wall at Hiley Park. Henderson said he is not sure where Kiwanis is with their grant process, but he believes they are getting close to being funded. He did ask whether or not the city would be able to put any money towards the project if they come up a bit short.

Next, the board discussed the campground. We have talked about whether or not our fees are high enough and comparable to other area campgrounds. We need to look into what is being charged at Lincoln's, I-29, Malvern, etc. As an overview, we have 12 sites with full hookups and 8 with no sewer hookups. At the planning meeting it was brought up about possibly having year round camping. For several reasons, the board does not think this is a good idea. This also lead to the discussion regarding the Camp Host position. Mattox will have the office post this position on the website.

User Agreements – Romens is going to talk to City Administrator Kolf about these agreements to see if he has any input. As previously, Covington stated that we need to make sure all the agreements are being sent out on a certain date each year. Mattox stated that one of the most important things is getting current and updated schedules from each league. This continues to be a problem that leads to him not knowing when to have fields ready. Romens reminded the board that the volleyball leagues will be coming back to the park and we will need to have a User Agreement for them. We also need to talk to Little Rams regarding the bleachers that are in disrepair. Covington stated that she thinks they just need to be removed and the parents can bring lawn chairs for seating.

Superintendent Report – Mattox stated that he had been on vacation and then out sick after that. He said they were able to get two loads of lime with the remaining ARPA funds. He also stated that the pickup did not start this morning so he needs to look into that. McCue mentioned that we are halfway through the fiscal year and we need to take a look at what we have left in

the budget. Mattox said that he needs to gravel the entire road at the baseball complex. It also looks like we will have enough in the budget to replace a mower this year. Mattox will look into that. Mattox also stated that he has held the "dedication" wood from all the old benches for two years. It has not been claimed and he will now repurpose or get rid of what is remaining.

Henderson stated that he had seen some kids out on the ice at the lake and wondered if we needed to put signs up to state that this is not allowed. There was some question of whether signs would do any good. Covington stated that if we have signs posted and something still happens, then we can at least say that it was posted. Mattox will get a couple signs ordered. Henderson also asked about replacing the old grill at the Hiley Park shelter. Mattox said he has some other grills that also need to be replaced and he will work on that.

Covington brought up the removal of the very large cottonwood tree again. It really needs to be taken down, but it is so large that we aren't sure who is capable of doing the job. Mattox will try to find a tree removal service that can do this.

Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0



Vanessa Covington, Secretary



Randy Romens, Chairperson