



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 5:35 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Charmin Sterbenz; Brandon Neilson, Morgan Molden; Park & Rec Director Brett Barber; Absent: Cris Anderson; Dennis Heiman; Council Liaison Doug Bickford

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Neilson, Second by Molden, the Agenda shall be approved

Roll call: Ayes: All; Nays: 0. Motion passes 3 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Neilson, Second by Molden, the Minutes from the October 22, 2014 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 3 to 0.

Public Forum:

Dallas Center Grimes Little League representative Ryan Anderson addressed the Board regarding recent changes with the club. Anderson stated that over the past few years they have noted a definite downturn of participation with both the youth registration as well as the parent participation. Anderson stated that the Board decided to make some changes to address this concern and improve their offerings to the community by changing their affiliation from the Little League to USSSA. Anderson stated that this will still offer the same skill requirements, but there will be changes to the rules and practices of participants. Anderson believes that this will add interest and particular increase fielding awareness and skills. Anderson stated that this change will not impact the current field arrangement. Anderson said that the Club will now be known as Dallas Center Grimes Baseball Club.

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Glenstone Outlot Discussion

Board discussion centered on the public responses so far for what to do with the outlot land that has been offered to the City by Glenstone Village Development. City Engineer Gade stated that as part of the development agreements, Glenstone Village was required to provide a certain amount of park ground. Gade stated

that the land offered by Glenstone Village consists of approximately 6 acres and has a trail that had been installed. Gade stated that the question was what to potentially do with that area if the City accepts the offer of the land. Gade stated that the City would be looking at mowing, maintenance and snow removal if they wanted to accept the land. Molden stated that most respondents were interested in keeping the area natural and not putting in play structures. General discussion and agreement continued to advise Council that Park and Recreation would encourage accepting the offer of the ground and for the land use to remain natural with a potential dog park or community gardens in the future.

2. Park Projects Update: Glenstone/North Pointe/Waterworks

Barber stated that tree planting for Glenstone will have to wait until spring. Barber also stated that they are waiting for delivery of a Toro. Waterworks and Lions Park would need master planned in the near future. City Engineer Gade showed the Board photos of the progress for North Pointe Park which has been progressing well with a sidewalk in as well as the half basketball court. Waterworks swings are in place as well as a Merry-Go-Round and a Dome Climber and a sea saw. Barber said the giant boulder that was donated by Chris Wallenburg of Solid Rock Landscaping was installed. They would be having a plaque made soon to place in appreciation.

3. Park & Rec Director Comments:

Barber said that the winter program registration for basketball was completed last week and they have 435 kids registered K-6. Kids in the Kitchen, Little Artist and adult volleyball are holding consistent registrations. Barber said that the Holiday Celebration is coming up and noted that Grimes Chamber & Economic Development is usually provided with \$500 donation from the Park & Rec Department each year for that program.

Council Update:

III. Board Action- None

IV. Old Business-

V. New Business-

City Engineer John Gade addressed the Board with a question from a developer looking at developing property near the proposed YMCA. The City had a Trail Master Plan developed previously that showed trails included in the future growth of that area, however, the Comprehensive Plan does not seem to show those proposed trails. Gade stated that a potential developer wanted to know if there was still an expectation or need for trails in that area. After discussion, the Board indicated that if the school and the YMCA move forward with their

proposed development, trails would still be a desired amenity in that area to help guide traffic between the school and YMCA buildings.

Next Meeting – Wednesday December 17, 2014 at 5:30 *Note this is a week earlier than usually scheduled.

VI. Adjournment-

Motion by Neilson, Second by Molden to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm