



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 5:35 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

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

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Heiman, Second by Neilson, 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 Heiman, the Minutes from the February 26th, 2014 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.

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

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Review Park Goals:

Park & Rec Director Brett Barber stated that construction was starting at Glenstone Park. He said that North Pointe Park would be next to have improvements made. Barber said there was interest in putting in a gravel parking lot and installing a basketball court at that location. Barber stated that he had been talking with Public Works regarding the North Sports Park and trying to establish a time line for the grass maturing enough to be able to play on. At this time he estimates spring of 2015 for the turf to be ready for play. Barber also commented that there were a number of improvements such as the backstops, fencing & parking that was planned in Phase II that the city is looking into including this with the bond this Fall. Barber stated that the estimated cost for that phase alone was \$770,000.00 for phase II of that park. Barber said that they were hoping to install lighting at field 6 of the south sports complex as well to help out with the growth of the participants in baseball. He indicated that until they get information from other vendors and volunteers with supplies and labor it would be hard to establish a firm price. Barber asked for input on the allocation of the \$150,000.00 budget funding for fiscal year 2014-2015. Discussion continued on the projected cost of increased staffing and the purchase of a Gator for use on the fields. The Board felt these were our top 2 items for next fiscal budget and then look at including park equipment improvements either at North Pointe or Waterworks would be our next steps. Lions Park Improvements will wait until the east side of the park is developed more.

2. Park & Rec Director Comments-

Barber notified the board that summer rec registration began on Monday and classes are quickly filling up. Barber stated that the growth of the programs for younger children in general and the 3 to 5 year old range in particular has been increasing greatly over the last few years. He said there are a lot of opportunities for volunteers throughout the programs for coaching and support staffing. Todd McGuire, 305 NW 14TH St, Grimes Liaison from the DCG Softball Association Board to the Park & Rec Board outlined the current status of the softball club tourneys. McGuire stated that this is the first time we have hosted a USSSA softball tournament. He stated that there will be three tournaments coming up in the Grimes area. McGuire stated that there would be a 12-U tournament held in Dallas Center and the tournament in Grimes would be 14-U and take place May 16-18 and a 10-U June 27-29. He estimates there will be about 600 participants with a registration fee of \$250.00 per team. McGuire stated that they want to run a concession stand during the tournaments and they were looking for volunteers for these events. McGuire asked if it was possible to have the city portion of the proceeds from the tournament earmarked for use targeted for softball program and field maintenance. Barber indicated he would review that possibility with city staff.

3. Council Update:

Council Liaison Doug Bickford stated that at the last council meeting a number of renovations along 19th street to Johnston were approved. One of those improvements included a bike path that will extend from 141 and connect to the existing Johnston trail.

III. Board Action- None

IV. Old Business-

V. New Business-

Barber introduced new Park Board Member Brandon Neilson.
Next Meeting – Wednesday April 23, 2014

VI. Adjournment-

Motion by Heiman, Second by Neilson to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm