



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 5:35 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

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

**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 March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.  
Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 3 to 0.

**Public Forum:**

Angela Clark of Autumn Park addressed the Board to request that the City look into developing a pond in the future to be adjacent to the planned park area. Clark stated that this area is currently a drainage area and always has standing water in it. Park & Rec Director Barber urged Clark as well as other residents to remain in contact with the City as Autumn Park develops to continue to provide input on future development.

**II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Glenstone Park/North Pointe Park Updates:**

Barber advised the Board that they were about a week away from being able to install the playground equipment at Glenstone Park. Barber said the grass seed was planted prior to the recent rain and everything is looking good. Barber did indicate there is some concern about the new grass being trampled prior to becoming established. Barber stated that North Pointe Park was also progressing. General discussion continued regarding the various features that could be chosen to include with North Pointe Park amenities.

Motion by Heiman, Second by Sterbenz to research cost for connecting the existing trails at North Pointe Park.

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

## **2. Space for Tackle Football League Games:**

Barber stated that the league used space last year at the Dallas Center middle school however that space is not usable for this season. Barber said the league is requesting space in Grimes to hold games as an alternate location. Barber noted that most of the potential areas are already allocated to other sports or are not yet in usable condition. No space available at this time.

Board Member Cris Anderson joins the meeting at 5:50.

## **3. Tennis Courts:**

Barber stated that tennis court space was also at a premium with the community growth. Barber said there was interest in creating a tennis club, however, more courts would be needed before that could be pursued. Barber wanted the board to be aware of the interest for possible future growth consideration. Board member Sterbenz asked if documentation could be gathered on community interest in adding tennis courts in the area.

## **4. Tree Board- Shade over Park Equipment:**

Barber stated that he has been hearing a lot of public comments concerning the need for planting trees for park areas. Barber stated that there will be a Tree Board formed in the near future to organize and plan effective guidance for future plantings and locations.

## **5. Park Goals List- Autumn Park:**

Barber stated that a new park has been added to the master plan. Barber said this will be located in Autumn Park. Sterbenz asked if the Park Board would have input on the grading, development and maintenance of this future park. Barber stated that they were looking at fencing and possibly lighting around the ball fields and hoped to have that accomplished by spring of 2015. Heiman advised that the board should consider a dog park as well as a Frisbee golf area for future park amenities.

## **6. P & R director Comments- Summer Rec Update:**

Barber stated that the city library has temporarily moved into the Community Complex during the renovation of the existing library building. He stated that the additional visitor traffic due to the library programs in addition to the regular park and rec summer programs has resulted in a tremendous amount of activity at the GCC. Barber did note that attendance for the swimming program seems to have steadily decreased over the years however the other summer rec programs have been increasing greatly.

## **7. Council Update:**

Council Liaison Doug Bickford stated that the council approved the purchase of a utility vehicle that the parks department can use. Bickford stated that there was

work being done on 19<sup>th</sup> street leading to Johnston and this work will include a trail on the north side of the road. Bickford also stated that there is a plan to extend the trail on the west side of highway 141 along SE 19<sup>th</sup> in the future.

**III. Board Action-** None

**IV. Old Business-**

Barber introduced new Park Board Member Cris Anderson.

**V. New Business-**

Next Meeting – Wednesday July 23, 2014 at 5:30

**VI. Adjournment-**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm