



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 5:35 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

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

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Molden, Second by Anderson, the Agenda shall be approved
Roll call: Ayes: All; Nays: 0. Motion passes 5 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Molden, Second by Anderson, the Minutes from the December 17, 2014 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.
Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 5 to 0.

Election of Officers:

Motion by Anderson, Second by Neilson to approve the following election of officers: Secretary- Dennis Heiman; VP- Morgan Molden, President-Charmin Sterbenz.

Public Forum: None

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. North Sports Complex:

Director Brett Barber shared a breakdown of expenses for the Park & Rec Department for the past year showing expenditures for staff, equipment and park improvements leaving a budget balance of \$54,000 remaining for Park & Rec use thru Jun 30, 2015. Barber recommended that the remaining funds be used for fencing and parking needed at the North Park Complex. Barber stated that the other option would be applying the funds for backstops only, or possibly focus on field 6 completion alone. Updated numbers from FOX Engineering were requested by the Park Board. Three options would be given to the council for review- 1) \$300K option to fencing all 6 fields, 2) \$150K option to fence the big field and do part of the fencing for the other 5 or 3)\$80K to partially fence all 6

fields from the backstops to the end of the dugouts. The DCG Baseball Club said they would be interested in assisting with the parking.

2. Lions Park:

General discussion led to agreement that they should wait until development occurs on the other side of the park. Barber would ask the Lions Club what their plans look like for this park. New storage shed/bathroom/concessions stand would have to be temporary structure since the land there is on a flood plain according to FOX. A Vets Memorial along the trail, a winding sidewalk to the current shelter, newer play equipment and a bridge to the current bathrooms were also requested. With \$54K left in the budget for park improvements, the Park Board wanted to wait and discuss with the Lions Club and see how quickly the development on the east side of the creek would come.

3. Master Planning for Autumn Park:

The Park Board had residents of the Autumn Park Development give input on what they would like to see at their park. Angela Clark of Grimes represented the group saying a half basketball court, park equipment for all ages, shelter, and trees would be a few things they would like to see out there. The Park Board let them know when the funds are available, they would look at developing that park land (.5 acres is usable out of the 6 acres of greenbelt out there). The Autumn Park Development is currently #3 on the Park Goal list behind the North Sports Complex and Lions Park.

4. Baseball/Softball Tournaments:

Requests had been made by for profits in Grimes and outside of Grimes to run baseball tournaments at the current South Sports Complex in Grimes. Ryan Anderson, President of the DCG Baseball Club, spoke on the consequences of for-profits using the complex for tourney use. The Club would like to know how the fields would be protected and who would be there to enforce the rules and determine if the fields were playable. If something happened to the fields, who would be in charge of taking care of them. They provide maintenance currently. Board Member Heiman spoke of his experiences with damaged fields after for profits run tourneys and wanted to see a written contract and agreement to hold groups accountable for their actions. More discussion was about the pros and cons of hosting a tournament in our community. Communication would be key in letting all the clubs know about the tourneys. Rec Director Barber mentioned a partnership between the club, for profit, and the city to see if they could add extra revenue to the budget. The club would help with the maintenance and the concessions. The For profit would handle all registration and marketing along with hiring of the umpires and site director. The City would provide the land, trash removal, bathroom

supplies, and staff to help out as needed. Currently the USSSA pays \$40/game to have their tourney games at the South Sports Complex and the Club provides the maintenance and runs concessions. Barber asked the Board and Clubs for input on other revenue if they were uncomfortable with renting fields out for tourneys.

5. Parks & Rec Director Comments- None

6. Council Update:

Council Liaison Doug Bickford stated that budget discussions will start in February. Bickford said one of the city improvements would be a roundabout and a trail to connect Grimes & Johnston would be coming up soon. Bickford stated that discussion was still underway concerning a trail under highway 141.

III. Board Action- None

IV. Old Business- Parks and Rec Director Barber asked Cris Anderson if they had communicated to city staff about their special event at Waterworks Park and he said they would in the near future.

V. New Business-

Next Meeting- Wednesday, February 25, 2015

VI. Adjournment-

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm