



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 5:30pm at Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Morgan Molden (MM); Brandon Neilson (BN); Cris Anderson (CA), Parks & Rec Director Brett Barber (BB); CL Eric Johansen (EJ)

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by CA, Second by BN, the Agenda shall be approved

Roll call: Ayes: All; Nays: 0. Motion passes 2 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by CA, Second by BN, the Minutes from September, 2016 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 2 to 0.

Public Forum - None

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Request from Grimes Chamber for Holiday Celebration Donation

BB discussed details and explained that it is typically out of the Operations/Program Budget.

Moved by BN, Second by CA, the donation shall be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 2 to 0.

2. Review of Area Sports Complex Scheduling and Fees

BB: reviewed info from other communities.

EJ: need to make sure we are within a realistic framework and that clubs have adequate resources. We also need to determine non-resident use regulations, while working in conjunction with the clubs. Do we treat private organizations differently since they don't tend the fields?

CA: taxpayers should have access when the fields are not in use and outside organizations should have a higher rate, something like a Premium Plus.

Ryan Anderson – DCG Softball: Biggest challenge is outside entities getting on a field before a schedule game. Other communities are raising rates to enforce maintenance.

BN: Would it be possible to secure the fields before a game?

Ryan: The dugouts are open.

EJ: What is the make-up of groups that have DCG kids?

BB: Typically it is Schools → City → Clubs → Rec → outside groups

Ryan: We need to also address the rental fees. The \$45 doesn't include maintenance and the whole \$45 goes to the City.

BN: What's a realistic maintenance fee?

Ryan: \$15 for materials and 1-2 hours of labor.

Chris (Last Name?) – DCG Baseball: There is also the issue of full teams using a field without any notification.

EJ: Do other communities have similar issues?

Ryan: Other communities requires field use be limited to groups part of the association. Ankeny also locks their fields.

MM: It sounds like the biggest issue is maintenance and "security" of fields.

Ryan: Our preference would be that during the season, the fields are not available to outside groups.

BB: Signage might help deter outside use, or at least be something posted that the clubs could point to if there are issues.

BB: Maintenance for the south complex is between \$75,000-\$80,000

Scott Whydert (sp?) – DCG Baseball: There are also 10-15 competitive leagues using the fields, but not paying fees.

BN: Can we get an estimate for putting gates on the dugouts?

MM: Clubs should have more ownership over the fields since they're maintaining them.

Ryan: Any increase in fees for 2017?

MM: Not at this time.

3. Local Park Needs:

- See attached powerpoint notes for updates.

EJ: Asked BB to look into other communities and their expenses toward basketball maintenance.

MM: Asked about the railroad line.

EJ: Lines are owned by the railroad, which the City is still negotiating.

4. GCC Update:

Brett gave an update on the renovation project to the Banquet Hall.

5. Parks and Rec Director:

BB mentioned the upcoming dog walk.

Halloween Fest will be the first official event in the new Banquet Hall.

Basketball Registration starts on Nov. 5th.

6. Council Update

EJ mentioned the railroad line plans.

Council is also working with private development to plant a diversity of trees to avoid the disease wiping out a large chunk of population.

7. Tree Board Update

BN – The Tree Board has decided on Earth Day weekend as the first date for the Arbor Day Planting. The following weekend would then be the backup date. They are possibly going to focus on the South Complex for shade needs.

III. BOARD ACTION

No action.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 (5th Wednesday)

VI. ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by BN, Second by CA to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm