



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 5:35 pm at Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Morgan Molden; Charmin Sterbenz; Dennis Heiman; Brandon Neilson; Parks & Rec Director Brett Barber; Cris Anderson, Eric Johansen- Council Liaison

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 4 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Molden, Second by Heiman, the Minutes from December 2, 2015 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 4 to 0.

Election of the Officers- Nominated and approved- Morgan Molden to Chair, Cris Anderson to VP, Brandon Neilson to Secretary.

Public Forum- None (Todd McGuire, DCG Softball Club Liaison in attendance)

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. North Sports Complex:

Barber reported the Complex Construction Phase 2 is on schedule that includes adding fencing to the fields, trails, paved parking lot, some landscaping, and a new concession stand. Substantial Completion for parking lot, trails and concession stand is around July 1. Final completion date is set for August 1.

2. Autumn Park Update:

Grading is on schedule to be completed by May 20 by Covenant, the lead contractor on the Sports Complex and park improvements. Boland Recreation can then come in and add the play equipment (\$50K) and possibly the swings if the budget allows. The Board would like to add on the swings for this project while it's graded at a cost of around \$5,000 (Motion by Sterbenz/Seconded by Heiman. Barber will be in touch with FOX Engineering, Boland Recreation, and the city council to see if this is possible in a change order.

3. Glenstone Trail Update:

Grading will be done late Spring and a trail going north and south along Glenstone Drive will be added to this park to allow for a connection straight to the equipment. The "punch list" that includes replacement of trees and landscaping needs to be accomplished by EDGE contractors as well this Spring. The Tree Board has also discussed and approved an Arbor Day Celebration that includes planting trees in key areas of this park. More information will come out later on that project.

4. Community Garden/Farmers Market:

Neilson explained how Barber, Library Director Cheryl Heid, and himself were meeting to discuss possible funding options and locations for a community garden in Grimes. He said certain funding was only good for gardens on school grounds. The DCGG Schools are actually taking on this project as well for their FFA classes. Heid would like to see a similar project by the Library for a garden where produce is taken to the food bank or even sold at the Farmers Market in Grimes. There are several Master Gardeners in town and other resources that could be used to get this started. They will continue to meet and listen and then report back to the Board for possible ideas. Barber reported an increase in need/want for community gardens in Grimes since an article in the Grimes Living magazine went out this past month featuring a Master Gardener. Grimes Farmers Market this Summer will be at Waterworks Park by the Grimes Library on Wednesdays from 4:30-7pm starting in May-August. The Library staff would be the on-site supervisor and the Parks and Rec would help promote/market the event. Molden would like staff to look into Urbandale's "Adopt a Flowerbed" program. She also mentioned having a list of projects that volunteers could help with online to improve the parks.

5. Review of Park Goals:

Barber updated the Master Park Goals list that included some completed items like North Sports Complex Phase 2, Glenstone Park Phase 2, and development of Autumn Park this Spring. Councilman Johansen said the trails we have on the list are developer driven. City of Grimes and Johnston are working together to improve the road and trails going east into Johnston. The Board will prioritize this list at the next meeting and add or subtract any that need to. Neilson mentioned to ask FOX about the Lions Park and Waterworks Park Master plans. Barber will check into their progress.

6. Tree Board Update:

Sterbenz reported the members have been working on Arbor Day Celebration at Glenstone Park in April which would include planting trees and possibly the natural grassy area that would be used for a maze. They also have more recommendations for tree planting in the city and will be putting those online soon. They would like to report to the Park Board in the upcoming meetings with their findings and suggestions.

7. Park & Rec Director Comments:

The Basketball Leagues have finished and now the Department is focusing on Spring/Summer Brochure that includes many new programming and the popular programs done in the past. These brochures will be mailed out to increase the visibility of what the department is doing. Registration will start on March 21.

8. Council Update-

Councilman Johansen reported the Council would be looking at the CIP here soon and the overall budgets.

III. BOARD ACTION- none

IV. OLD BUSINESS- none

V. NEW BUSINESS-

Next Meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2016

VI. ADJOURNMENT-

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm