



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 5:30pm at Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Morgan Molden; Charmin Sterbenz; Brandon Neilson; Parks & Rec Director Brett Barber;

Absent: Cris Anderson

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Sterbenz, 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 Sterbenz, Second by Neilson, the Minutes from August, 2016 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.

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

Public Forum - None

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Tree Board Presentation by Mark Dungan

Mark Dungan, who has 36+ years of experience with the DNR and certified arborist, gave a presentation to the Board on the Emerald Ash Borer which is a very small invader of healthy ash trees most recently seen in Polk County. He explained what we can do at this point- public education, inventory, assign priority, select preferred treatment, budget, and evaluate. He recommended treating the trees that have value in the community and discussing this with the city on a plan over the next few years.

2. North Sports Complex Update

Barber provided an update on the North Sports Complex progress. Parking lot was finishing up and the concession stand had final inspection. Trees and landscaping were going in that week as well. The local softball and baseball clubs walked around and provided FOX and the city with a punch list that needed to be worked on and finished. Bases and anchors were provided by the city and clubs. 2 ADA bleachers for each field and benches for each dugout have yet to be purchased. The clubs have talked about fundraising for an equipment shed too.

3. Review of Park Goals:

- Board discussed goals and tried to identify Top 3. It was decided that without a formal budget, we should do an assessment of all park's current status. Based on those reports, a list of goals would be developed and delivered to City Council in hopes of establishing a recurring budget.

4. GCC Update:

Brett gave an update on the renovation project to the Banquet Hall. The church had remodeled by taking the wall out in between Room 400 and the Banquet Hall to expand the room for seating up to 300 people in chairs. The church is finishing this project by the end of October and reservations will resume in November. The church/city have signed a new agreement including the church's usage on Wed/Thurs/Sunday for their group and the city would rent out and use the rest of the time.

The Gym/Cage Reservation policy will start October 3 where teams would need to email Brett to be put on a lottery type system for using these rooms.

5. Parks and Rec Director:

Winter registration will start on October 1. Brett also discussed the events at the last Tree Board meeting when he and Brandon Neilson attended. Stated that the Tree Board plans to focus on the South Complex for Arbor Day.

6. Council Update

Councilman Johansen said the Council is looking at how to provide ways to make the retention areas in new developments more attractive by adding trees and shrubs around them.

III. BOARD ACTION

No action.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Sports Complex Fees and Club Fees and Scheduling.

Next Meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2016

VI. ADJOURNMENT-

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm