



The regular meeting of the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday July, 27th, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Lynette Wineland; Bill Rude; Charmin Sterbenz; Absent: Council Liaison Altringer; John Feltner; Kathi Scott.

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Sterbenz, Second by Rude, the Agenda shall be approved.

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

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Rude, Second by Sterbenz, the Minutes from the April 27th, 2011 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved. Roll call: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion passes 3 to 0.

Kathi Scott arrives at 5:35

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

North Sports Complex Project Update:

Per an email update from City Engineer John Gade, Barber advised the Board that the City has just received confirmation from the Army Corps of Engineers in response to the wetland issues. We can now move forward and bid the project. There is a need to revise some of the plans and specifications due to the wetland requirements and the new bid date. We also have to add a water main extension along NW 82nd as part of this work. The grading, irrigation and seeding of this project is expected to be complete by the end of spring 2012. Brian Thompson, Grimes resident with adjoining property addressed the Board with his request to know more about the type of grading that is planned and would like information on the specifications for this project. It was decided by the Board to have City Engineer Gade get in touch with Thompson to provide that information. Marsha Boender of 705 SE Woodbine Drive addressed the Board. Boender wanted to know if the estimated year and a half to two year waiting period for the seed to become established prior to using the fields for Soccer practice pertained to the softball fields as well. The Board informed here that it would be available for practice, however, it was to be grass only, and there would not be actual softball fields established for some time.

Grimes Sports Complex Lighting Project:

The Board discussed that they expect to authorization to proceed with the tennis court and volley ball lighting is expected to proceed after August 9th. Estimating design, bidding and action, Construction could begin as early as November 1st.

Past Fiscal Year Budget Review:

Barber offered the operational budget for Parks and Recreation and advised the Board that their Fiscal Year ended in June. The total budget was \$463,000 and they expended about \$380,000 this year so they were at about 80% of the budget. It was decided to review the budget status after the beginning of the year to verify if it looked like any additional funds were likely to be available.

Park Goals Review/Park Improvements:

New Gym Roof- Completed.

New key system and levers- Completed.

Batting Cage Project- New carpet installed, new chain link on one side of the cage The other side will be coming soon along with new equipment.

Display case in hallway- \$50,000 project that will include all new structure and swings where existing equipment is. This has been approved and will be installed this summer.

New rubber roofing installed over Women's locker room and Jazzercise area, and Meeting room #106 & 107 \$35,000 project.

Eagle Scout Project at GCC Proposal:

Alex Pietsch, 3002 SE Liberty Drive Grimes, IA 50111. Scout from Des Moines Christian's Troop 316 addressed the Board with a request to construct a 51 foot long coat rack in the West hallway of the Grimes Community Center. This is to replace a current coat rack across from the Banquet Hall and will extend the entire length of the former locker area. The proposed rack will include a closet rod for hangars and shelf above. With the wall painted and flooring repaired as well. \$600 allocated either GCC TIF or Operational for phase one will still be able to proceed this summer.

Moved by Sterbenz, Second by Scott, the scout project will be approved with reimbursement not to exceed \$600. Roll call: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion passes 4 to 0.

Grimes Community Complex Upcoming Projects:

The GCC will be closed down completely for the following projects: Paint the Gym; Install gym scoreboard, pending approval; Painting the South and East halls; re-paint meeting room #106; remove VTC tile flooring from South and East hallway and install new VCT tile. This project included asbestos abatement for tiles underneath existing tile, pending approval. Board members agreed that the trail system needs to be revisited to ensure completion of the Southern route loop and any gaps in the current layout. It is also being considered to create a vestibule by the cafeteria to help block the wind from the doors.

P & R Director Comments:

Summer rec program is about to end. The heat was a major impact to the programs and the school age kids programs had a significant decline in participation this year. They are looking into the reasons why the decrease in participation. The largest age group that does participate is the elementary age children. The programs for three to five year olds have seen the biggest increase. The fall winter brochure will be out around August 15th.

Council Update: None**III. Board Action: None**

IV. Old Business:

V. New Business:

Next Meeting – Wednesday August 31, 2011 (Note: this is a change from 4th Wednesday)

VI. Adjournment:

Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting, Second by Sterbenz.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm
