



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 5:35pm at Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Darla Eastman (DE); James Abens (JA); Jannae Lane (JL); Parks & Rec Director, Brett Barber (BB), Interim City Admin- Mark Arentsen (MA)
Absent: Council Liaison, Eric Johansen, Denniis Heiman, April Heitland

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by DE, Second by JA, the agenda shall be approved 3 to 0
Roll call: Ayes: All; Nays: 0. Motion passes 3 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by DE, Second by JA, the Minutes from November 29th Parks and Rec Meeting shall be approved.
Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 3 to 0.

Election of New Officers

Mayor appointed new members James Abens and April Heitland to the board on Tuesday. Nominations were made and approved for Jannae Lane as new Chair, Darla Eastman as VP, James Abens as Secretary. Outgoing members were Brandon Neilson and Cris Anderson. We thank them for their service and efforts over their terms.

Public Forum

Nobody spoke during this time- In Attendance- Tyson Krause (DCG Baseball Club), Ryan Anderson (DCG Softball Club), Brandon Neilson (Tree Board), Jared Koelling (DCG Soccer), and Brian Buethe (Chamber)

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Kennybrook South Park Project- FOX Engineers Mitch Holtz and John Gade were in attendance to go over 3 options for the Park Board to consider based on funding. Option 1 (\$229,000) included mainly the trail leading from Brookside Drive to the park area, the grading for the playground and swings, and greenspace area. Option 2 (\$295,000) included the ½ basketball court and shelter near the court and play area along with items in Option 1. Option 3 was the full build out (\$475,000) that included both Options 1/2, backstop, drinking fountain, sand volleyball court, portable bathroom, and landscaping. Much discussion was made about funding as the Park Board had

\$229K approved from past budgets and future budget. The remaining would need to come from CIP and approved by council. DE made a motion to approve Option 2 and \$295,000 towards the construction of this park and JA seconded. Council will look for additional funding and approve or deny at next meeting. Timeline would be to bid in March, start grading/seeding and construction in April, and play equipment in May/June 2018. BB will be in touch with playground contractors for review and submittal of bids.

2. Review of Park Projects- BB had provided the Board with CIP Projects according to their goals list and another operational list for the Public Works/Parks Dept to work from. These needs were based on input from the Board and community. BB will work with Public Works Director Weston Wunder in getting a plan to accomplish what they can and JL mentioned putting on social media the projects that could possibly be done by the community or scouts projects. Top 3 Goals have been Kennybrook South Park, Waterworks Park and Lions Park Master Plans.

3. Parks and Rec Director Comments-

-Director Barber reported that March 1 would be when Summer Rec registration officially begins (last year was Monday after Spring Break). Earlier registration would allow families to plan longer on what to do. BB provided participation numbers for Youth Sports (trending steady) and Grimes Community Complex rentals which are above what they were last year (2736 to 1730 last year). Improvements will come in the Spring to various rooms.

4. Tree Board Update-

Brandon Neilson (Tree Board Liaison) reported the Tree Board was working on dates for Earth Day/Arbor Day event end of April. Board still liked the idea of planting 25-30 trees at North Sports Complex. The Board would also like to start doing more volunteer and civic duties in cleaning up parks, replacing trees as needed, and having more plantings. Volunteers are welcome to help with those events.

5. Council Update-

Interim City Admin Mark Arentsen reported on the budget being adopted on Feb. 1 so more info will be brought back on that next month. Also wanted Director Barber to work on various park plans similar to what he had experienced in the past. BB will talk with MA and put together more info for future meetings. There are several bike events out there that could be organized in Grimes as well so MA would like to see staff work towards organizing a few events if possible.

III. BOARD ACTION

-DE made a motion to approve Option 2 of the Kennybrook South Park Project presented by FOX Engineering and \$295,000 towards the construction of this park and JA seconded. This will be moved on to council.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Grimes City Hall

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by DE, Second by JA to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm