



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday January 30, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Bill Breed; Charmin Sterbenz; Doug Bickford; Morgan Molden; Bill Rude; Council Liaison Craig Patterson.

**I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Rude, Second by Bickford, the Agenda shall be approved.  
Roll call. Ayes: All; Nays: 0. Motion passes 4 to 0.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Rude, Second by Bickford, the Minutes from the November 28, 2012 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.  
Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 4 to 0.

**Election of Officers**

Motion by Rude, Second by Bickford for Charmin Sterbenz to remain President.  
Roll Call: Ayes- 4 Nays-0. Motion passes 4-0  
Motion by Sterbenz, second by Molden for Bill Rude to remain as Vice President.  
Roll Call: Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion passes 4-0  
Motion by Sterbenz, second by Rude for Doug Bickford to remain Secretary.  
Roll Call: Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion passes 4-0

**II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Glenstone Park Plans-**

Council Liaison Craig Patterson and Council Member Tami Evans relayed recent discussions with city staff concerning Glenstone Park. Patterson stated that City Staff is in agreement with providing park equipment, but had questions about the dog park proposal. Patterson stated that more discussion would be needed before deciding on a location for the dog park, as well as discussing the possibility of partnering with the City of Urbandale to develop a joint dog park. Evans stated that at a recent City Goal Setting meeting, it was decided that there would be a Facility's Committee formed to specifically address the maintenance and usage of City buildings and property including development of the public parks. Evans stated that the Council would also like to have a memorial feature to be included with the future development of Lions Park. Evans asked for members of the Park and Rec board to join the Facility Committee Board. Barber stated that City Council had approved up to \$6,000.00 for further planning and design for Glenstone Park and that he would acquire the three bids necessary to present to Council.

## **2. Resident/Non-Resident Fees**

Barber stated that surrounding cities typically have an additional fee for program participation for nonresidents. Barber recommended implementing a lower participation rate for Grimes residents as well as those in the Dallas Center Grimes School district, with a small increase of \$5.00 to \$10.00 for residents of other communities, such as Johnston, Urbandale, Waukee, and outlying communities. Following general discussion, it was agreed that would be a reasonable plan to pursue.

## **3. GCC/Sports Complex Uses**

Barber shared information on the room usage for both the GCC and the Sports Complex. In January alone, Barber stated that they had 88 parties and 97 gym rentals. Barber said that January and February are usually their busiest months. Barber also noted that during heavy usage, it can be hard to accommodate residents wanting open gym time. Barber stated that he would continue to monitor the situation but also suggested an increase of time allotted for Open Gym use.

## **4. Summer Soccer Tournament**

Vision Soccer Academy (VSA) in Waukee has requested a Summer Soccer Tournament to be scheduled for June 29-30. VSA's proposal states that they would provide the goals and nets and Grimes would be responsible for prepping the fields and trash removal. VSA is agreeable to Grimes running the concession stand and they would collect 20% of the revenue as long as there were no other competing vendors. Estimated rental would come in at \$1,700 if Grimes agrees to their proposal. Barber stated that he would check with Baseball teams before locking in that agreement.

## **5. Park & Rec Director Comments – program update**

Barber stated that there were 350 kids in Basketball; 80 kids in beginner's basketball; 40 kids in Beginners Soccer; over 100 in Jazzercise and many other programs going on at this time. Sterbenz asked the board to consider intermural rec-basketball league for high school age players if space opened up for such a program.

## **6. Council update**

Council Liaison Patterson stated that he wanted the Board to know that the Council is hoping to be able to set a goal for funds to be allocated for Park and Rec usage in the future. Patterson also stated that water concerns are still very much in the forefront for the city and that could impact watering again next summer. Patterson also noted the possibility that Grimes could be one of the stops along the RAGBRAI route this year. Council Evans noted that while visiting overseas this year, she noticed they had synthetic turf fields that were designed for flexible usage. It could be converted to either a soccer field or Tennis court depending on who wanted to use it. Evans suggested that having an area that could be designed for multiple usage would be an excellent idea to pursue. Patterson also stated that there was no set time available yet for the future YMCA facility to be started but that he would continue to update the Board.

**III. Board Action-** None

**IV. Old Business-** None

**V. New Business**

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**VI. Adjournment:**

Motion by Rude, Second by Breed to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm