



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday March 27, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

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

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 Molden, the Minutes from the January 30, 2012 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.
Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 4 to 0.

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Glenstone Park Plans Project-

Bob Gibson of Civil Design Advantage, 3405 SE Crossroads Drive, Grimes IA addressed the Board to review the design concepts for Glenstone Park. Gibson reviewed the priorities that had been established for Glenstone Park with Park Board representatives Molden and Barber. Play areas to encourage opportunities for exploration and play in addition to physical structures was a priority as well as additional landscaping to add color and texture to offset the relatively barren environment as it is now. A loop trail was also high on the priorities list along with a half-court basketball installation and open green space and parking space. Gibson asked the Board to review the initial concept plan for their review and comments. Gibson stated that the most significant obstacle to work around is a MidAmerican Utility easement on the site. The Utility easement would limit the land use within that area for plantings or any structure installations. Gibson informed the Board that while a parking lot would be acceptable use of the ground in that easement, it was unlikely they would approve of a basketball court. Gibson also discussed the grading of the site. He indicated that it is currently very flat and without any particular visual interest. Gibson recommended building up several portions of the site to create small hills and incorporating boulders for climbing and ornamental plantings to create a natural play area. After discussion, the Board agreed with much of the concept as presented. Gibson advised that this project would need to be developed in phases and the cost of each phase would decide the amount of development in each stage. Gibson stated that he would revisit the location of the ball court with MidAmerican to see if there was another acceptable location that would work with the site.

2. GCC/Sports Complex Uses-

Brett Barber advised that the various clubs would be attending the next Park & Rec meeting to discuss their programs and the usage level they were getting from the Grimes Community Complex and Sports Complex. Barber stated the clubs would be providing their scheduling information for the season ahead in the next week or so.

3. Park & Rec Director Comments – program update

Barber provided updates with program registration for Summer Recreation. There are lots of new programs available. Barber stated that they had received approximately 90 percent of the program registrations on line as opposed to filling out paperwork and bringing it in. The volume of non-resident registrations came to almost half of those signed up. Barber stated that a Non-resident fee of five dollars would be added for the next registration period July 1. Barber advised the Board that they were now able to accept debit and credit card payments for registrations.

4. Council update

Craig Patterson advised the Board that the City budget for the next fiscal year was recently passed. He noted that neither property taxes or water rates were increased. Within that budget, Patterson advised that \$200,000 has been set aside for Parks & Recreation, as well as an additional \$50,000 to be dedicated to improving Lions Park. Patterson stated that the Council members are strongly supportive of development at both Glenstone and North Pointe parks. Patterson stated that the potential for continued drought remains a concern to everyone in Grimes as well as the rest of the metro. Patterson stated that there has been discussion and plans are being made on a number of conservation practices that may be implemented if the drought continues.

III. Board Action- None

IV. Old Business- None

V. New Business

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2013

VI. Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm