



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Advisory Board (PB) was called to order on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 5:33 PM at Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Darla Eastman (DE), Vice Chairperson; James Abens (JA), Secretary; April Heitland (AH); Brett Barber (BB), Parks & Recreation Director; Eric Johansen (EJ), City Council Liaison

Absent: Jannae Lane (JL), Chairperson; Dennis Heiman (DH)

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by AH, Second by JA, the agenda shall be approved.

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

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by JA, Second by AH, the Minutes from April 25, 2018 PB Meeting shall be approved.

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

Public Forum

None.

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Parks and Rec Director Comments – BB reported conducting summer staff meetings for staff joining in June. Bam Bam activities have begun, and the other summer programs will be picking up soon. The pickle ball courts have been painted on two of the tennis courts at the South Sports Complex. The nets aren't regulation, and efforts will be made to adjust as best as possible. The surface of the courts will need repair soon and BB is investigating options. JA asked if adjustable nets could be considered for the purposes of pickle ball, and BB indicated he would investigate doing something at the same time as resurfacing. EJ inquired about potential available grants from the United States Tennis Association (USTA), as he had heard they will sometimes provide funds to resurface. BB reported there were 10 graduation parties held at the Grimes Community Complex (GCC)

the previous weekend, an additional 12 are scheduled for the upcoming weekend, and 4 already booked for next year. There are also a few weddings booked in the upcoming months.

3. Sports Club Subcommittee Update – JA reported that the activity completed to date has involved documenting and understanding the current use of the softball facilities. The approach being used is to understand the current use, then work through the current fee rates and reservation policies and make recommendations for changes if warranted. Once recommendations are determined, JA and AH will meet with the DCG Softball Association president Ryan Anderson to discuss proposed changes and get feedback. The subcommittee will then report back to the PB on recommendations and feedback. JA noted that BB had received an inquiry from a different local softball non-profit DCG Stampede regarding hosting tournaments during the 2019 season, so consideration will need to be made regarding the City's process for reserving the facilities for weekend use, including the use of the concession stand and equipment shed.

5. Tree Board (TB) Update – There was discussion regarding the recent Arbor Day activities by the TB that involved planting a number of trees at the North Sports Complex. The trees ranged in species and size, and everyone was very appreciative of the efforts and had all positive comments. There was some discussion regarding the new Kennybrook South trees, and BB reported the TB does plan to assist with planting trees after the park's completion. There were questions regarding what size of trees would be best, and EJ suggested to leave that decision to the experts on the TB. The Rotary Club (RC) reached out to Public Works Director Weston Wunder (WW), who referred them to the TB, regarding a grant to fund trees in the median of Beaverbrooke Boulevard west of James Street. Additional sites could include Beaverbrooke Park near the newly installed benches.

6. Council Update – EJ reported that the Mustang Ridge development had been rezoned for multi-family housing (multi-story townhomes) and large estate lots which will be the largest lots in the city to date. Additionally, there were negotiations at the Brentwood Estates development regarding what originally was planned to be a wet detention basin. Due to logistical issues for accessing the pond, the city council agreed to negotiate a payment from the development in lieu of developing the public land. It was later determined that the detention basin could not be a wet pond due to excessive presence of sand. Negotiations with new developments just west of Brentwood Estates will consider options for public space.

5:56pm board member Jannae Lane (JL) arrived.

1. Grimes Clean & Green Day Recap – Everyone agreed the inaugural event was a success. All those who signed up to help showed. The volunteers picked up trash and sticks at Waterworks Park, Beaverbrooke Park, Lions Park, Autumn Park, the Grimes

Community Complex Park, the South Sports Complex, the North Sports Complex, the trail along 8th street, and the trail north of Heritage Elementary. Photos of the event and activities have been posted to social media. The PB agreed to hold the event again next year on Earth Day to better align with the calendar and the obvious connection with that day.

2. Kennybrook South Park Grand Opening Event Planning – JL asked if anyone would object to her taking this on and planning a ceremony for the new park. Everyone agreed with the concept of celebrating new facilities, and there was general agreement that more publicity for PB events and activities would be good. The purpose of the publicity would be to raise awareness of the various activities and facilities available to residents, and to educate residents on how their tax dollars are being used to better the community.

III. BOARD ACTION

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at Grimes City Hall.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by JL, Second by JA to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call: Ayes – All; Nays – 0; Motion passed 4 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM