



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Advisory Board (PB) was called to order on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 5:34 PM at Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Jannae Lane (JL), Chairperson, 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: None

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by DE, Second by JA, the agenda shall be approved.
Roll call: Ayes - All; Nays - 0. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by DE, Second by JA, the Minutes from May 23, 2018 PB Meeting shall be approved.
Roll call: Ayes - All, Nays - 0. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Public Forum

Jared Koelling (JK) of the DCG Soccer Club provided an update of the signage request made at the February Parks & Rec Advisory Board meeting. JK indicated an updated proposal will be sent to BB to include a change to the sign that better matches existing signage. The previous recommendation was a triangular sign that is no longer available by the manufacturer.

David Kurth (DK) of the DCG Soccer Club joined JK to discuss the soccer field layout. DK has been the field manager for many years and has designed a rotation for the soccer fields that helps keep the turf from being excessively impacted by overuse. The fields rotate each year, and take into account heavily worn areas to avoid continuing to abuse those spots. Due to the size of fields, the smaller fields generally rotate from one corner to another each year. DK and JK have offered to allow BB to use the goals and fields for Tiny Kickers. BB has requested that the smaller fields be located at the northeast corner of the facility. The primary concern is the use of the restroom facilities for the very young

players. Locating the fields in any other place creates challenges when the young players need to use the restroom facility due to the distance from the fields. EJ agreed it is a challenge for younger players with the distance, but also agreed that the soccer club's attempts to be good stewards of the facility have made positive impacts. The suggestion was made that DK should include BB and Westun Wunder (WW), Grimes Public Works Director, when he designs the layout for the next season. All agreed that course of action should help find a compromise.

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Sports Club Subcommittee Update – JL asked JA to present the subcommittee's research and recommendations for field use and reservation policies to the PB. She prefaced the request with comments indicating the research and recommendations are preliminary and a working draft, and that input from various impacted clubs is important. Upon completion of presentation, JL asked for comments and questions from those in attendance. Questions were fielded from Jeremy Lyddon and Sean Golly of the DCG Stampeded, Scott Weydert of the DCG Baseball Club, JK, and Ryan Anderson of the DCG Softball Association. Based on the questions and comments, JA recommended a working session with the board and representatives from the impacted clubs to further review the information he provided for accuracy and to partner on recommended changes. BB agreed to send the information to the representatives prior to the working session. JA indicated any information provided to him prior to the working session showing corrections needed to be made would get included in the information.
2. Park Board Liaisons to Organized Clubs that use City Fields – JL asked the PB if liaisons would help with communication. The ideas would be to assign PB members to various clubs as liaisons to sit at their board meetings and bring back to PB meetings questions or concerns. Another idea was to have designated agenda items for the various clubs at PB meetings to provide updates on their club activities. JA questioned the need. Clubs can send representatives to PB meetings or contact PB members with questions or concerns at any time. JA didn't feel it was the PB's responsibility to know the inner workings or happenings of the clubs as they aren't affiliated with the City of Grimes. He indicated for specific reasons, such as the sports subcommittee research, there is a need to understand certain aspects of the clubs, but that could be obtained through working sessions or special requests. All agreed the current process allowing representatives a chance to speak at the open public form during PB meetings, or requesting to be added to the agenda should be sufficient. Possibly quarterly working sessions might provide another opportunity to hear concerns or ideas from all the clubs at the same time.
3. Parks Project Workflow Program – Request was made by JL to provide PB members access so they can see the status of PB requests to the Public Works Department.

4. Parks Projects – KB South Park, 1st St/SE 19th Trail, Lions Park, Wallace Farm Updates – BB indicated the playground equipment was being added this week. September remains the goal for completion of KB South Park. The city received a very low bid for the trail which is scheduled to be completed by November.
5. Parks & Rec Director Comments – Summer Rec Update, Special Events – BB indicated roughly 60 kids went mini golfing and for ice cream. The next trip is to Sleepy Hollow. Flag Football and Volleyball sign ups are underway. Some discussion occurred related to Bam Bam Ball, including possibly adding a 3rd session. BB will consider. The library board will be having a chili cook-off. There were some requests to consider hosting another large community event similar to Governor’s Days. The idea being floated is Grimes Games/Olympics.
6. Tree Board Update – Plant Some Shade Event on Oct.10 – BB reported the tree board has replaced a few trees that didn’t survive the plantings at the North Complex. They also intend to plant trees at Beaverbrooke Park. The DNR will be hosting the Plant Some Shade Event again this year on October 10. Applications will be available in August.
7. Council Update – EJ exited the meeting early so there was no update.

III. BOARD ACTION

Moved by JA, Second by AH to have JL schedule a working session with representatives of the sports clubs and the PB to work through the field usage and reservation research and recommendations, hopefully to be held in July if schedules allow.

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

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at Grimes City Hall.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM