



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday July 24, 2013 at 5:34 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

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

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Bickford, Second by Rude, the Minutes from the May 22, 2013 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/North Pointe Updates-

Barber stated that the Public Works Director had reviewed the plans for Glenstone with the engineer. Barber informed the Board that they are still looking to make a few changes to reduce costs for the project. Barber stated that a list of primary goals has been given to the engineers in order to get bids. Barber also said that the engineers are looking at creating a more ADA friendly access to the play area. While the wood fiber proposed is considered ADA approved it is more difficult to move strollers and wheelchairs through than if another product was used such as poured rubber or matting. Barber stated that this upgrade, if selected, could increase the cost of the project significantly and would need to be reviewed closely to ensure any upgrades would be within the budget.

2. Lions Park-Partnerships/Plans-

Barber discussed amenities that people said they want to see at Lions Park. He has heard interest in having the shelter space be increase and improved. Barber stated that the Lions Club has proposed offering some funding to put towards improvements at Lions Park. After discussion it was agreed that providing bathrooms and replacing equipment or adding trails are also a priority and that various sponsors and community groups should be encouraged to meet and determine a plan of action.

3. GCC Extended Hours & Fees Review-

Barber presented the updated rates schedule to the Board. He indicated that there have not been any significant issues with the changes to resident and non-resident rates. Barber indicated there are a lot of business meetings scheduled at the Complex as well as cafeteria usage. Barber did state that there have been some scheduling problems with the open rooms being reserved. Problems with staffing and frequent time overruns for those using the space. Barber proposed extending the fall hours to 9:00 pm and increasing user fees if time limits were not adhered to. He also suggested more open gym times to be offered. The Board agreed that the free room rentals should be limited to a two hour span with a ten dollar charge for additional hours. Barber also noted that they are looking at various scheduling software products for the public to be able to access for room scheduling.

4. DCG Running Club Program- Review Proposal-

Barber advised the Board that he was speaking with a running coach and instructor Matt Pries who wants to start a running camp in the community. The proposed cost for the program would be \$90.00 and held to a maximum of 20 participants. This camp would run 6 to 7 pm from mid-August to mid-October. The Board agreed that it sounded like a good program to add.

5. Park Improvements- Tennis Courts, Handicap, Pet Waste Stations-

The tennis court project came in ahead of budget, and remaining funds were used for additional ADA improvements to create improved wheel chair access along with wind screens installed on the north and south sides of the court. Barber stated that an ADA swing would be installed at the GCC and pet waste stations have been installed along the trails. Barber also stated that the maintenance of the stations would be an additional maintenance item. He suggested offering bags only rather than disposal bins going forward.

6. Park & Rec Director Comments- Summer Rec/Fall Programming-

Summer rec programs are finishing up the second week of August. Fall programs will be starting registration. The south parking lot should be open next week with the main street project. Sidewalk and lighting will be the next phase. The good weather has helped the project move ahead quickly.

7. Council update- None

III. Board Action- None

IV. Old Business- None

V. New Business

Next Meeting – Wednesday August 28, 2013

VI. Adjournment:

Motion by Rude, Second by Breed to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm