



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 5:35pm at Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Cris Anderson (CA); Dennis Heiman (DH); Brandon Neilson (BN); Jannae Lane (JL); Council Liaison, Parks & Rec Director, Brett Barber (BB)
Absent: Rita Fredericks, Eric Johansen

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by BN, Second by JL, the agenda shall be approved
Roll call: Ayes: All; Nays: 0. Motion passes 4 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by BN, Second by DH, the Minutes from April 26th Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.
Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 4 to 0.

Public Forum

none

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Flag Football- Soft Shell Helmets:

DCG HS Football Coach Scott Heitland asked for further discussion at the last meeting on adding the soft-shell helmets to the flag football program. Councilman Eric Johansen, Coach Heitland, DCG Athletic Director, and local doctors in town had a meeting to discuss the pros/cons of the helmets. They do help with abrasions but don't prevent concussions. The Park Board asked BB to include more discussion at coaches meeting on documenting injuries and specifically collect more data on head injuries during practice and games. They also would like to see more education to parents on how the tackle and flag leagues are trying to deal or cut back on concussion type injuries. Board asked if BB could recommend resources to purchase online noting helmets don't prevent but help with overall head injuries. After further discussion, the Board decided NOT to require the helmets but they would ALLOW them to be used along with the Parks and Rec flag football program and providing each player with a mouthpiece.

2. Review of Park Goal List:

-Kennybrook South Park- Master plan and costs are still being worked on by FOX Engineering. Once a plan is in place, the Board can approve funds.

-North Complex Parking- clubs are in need of additional parking for programming. School is being used but having multiple groups using this Fall could be an issue. Tournaments will be hosted at North so parking discussion will be had again after they see what is needed.

-Dog Park- locations haven't been decided on.

-Waterworks Park/Lions Park Master Plans- BB will talk with City Hall about securing a firm to do plans for discussion.

-All-Inclusive Park should be added and discussed more for the Park Goals list.

3. Parks and Rec Director Comments

BB looked into the pickleball courts at area tennis facilities. Lines were painted on the tennis courts to allow for pickleball as well. BB will look into this as we look into the re-surfacing of the tennis courts at the South Complex. BB mentioned the Farmers Market was running on Wednesdays at WW Park and the Library parking lot from 4:30-6:30pm. Summer Rec numbers were right on for the prek sports including Bam Bam and Tiny Kickers and above normal for Summer Adventures- field trips.

4. Tree Board Update:

BN reported the board has been working on lists of approved trees for the city and adding them to the city website. Also looking for guidance on the ash trees and the EAB treatments from the city.

5. Council Update:

none

III. BOARD ACTION

No action.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2017

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by BN, Second by DH to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm