



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday January 25, 2012 at 5:35 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

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

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Bickford, Second by Breed, the Agenda shall be approved.

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

Charmin Sterbenz Joins the meeting at 5:40 pm

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Sterbenz, Second by Rude, the Minutes from the December 28, 2011 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved. Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 5 to 0.

Election of Officers

Chairman: Charmin Sterbenz; Vice Chairman: Bill Rude; Secretary: Doug Bickford

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Introduction of new Park Board Members and Council Liaison

2. Budget

Council Liaison Craig Patterson informed the Board that it is anticipated that TIF funding will no longer be available after this year. This is due to Commercial Property Tax Reform and TIF Reform programs that have taken place recently. Going forward, funding for projects will need to be Bond issues or Grants. The Board discussed the goals for the parks and talked about other possible sources of funding as well.

3. Review of Park Goals and Current Projects

Bill Breed mentioned that he would encourage moving up the High School Trail project due to safety concerns. Council Liaison Patterson advised that easements and right of way are the largest impediments to the trail development at this time. General discussion continued on other city park improvements. North Sports Complex ball fields will not be able to be used until backstops have been installed. Ball clubs will need to be creative in the usage of the current fields until such time as the North Complex fields are ready.

4. P & R Director Comments- Program Update

Summer Rec registration starts Mark 26. Barber advised that they are still in the planning stages for new programs and are open to ideas to add.

5. Council Update

III. Board Action

IV. Old Business

Main Street Project –Liaison Patterson advised that there is a Public Input Meeting concerning the reconstruction and design concepts for SE Main Street. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 31 at 5:30 at the Grimes Community Complex. The goal is to gather input, suggestions and concerns from the general public and local stakeholders on this potential project.

V. New Business

Next Meeting – Wednesday February 22, 2012

VI. Adjournment:

Motion by Sterbenz, Second by Molden, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm