



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday October 24, 2012 at 5:32 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Bill Breed; Doug Bickford; Bill Rude; Council Liaison Craig Paterson, Morgan Molden
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 3 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Bickford, Second by Breed, the Minutes from the September 26, 2012 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.

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

Molden arrives at 5:40pm

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Sports Complex Revenue Discussion-

Barber relayed feedback from his meetings with Baseball, Softball and Soccer clubs regarding hosting tournaments. Barber stated the ball clubs feel that with some modifications of the facilities and improvements, Grimes could be a good location to host tournaments in the future and provide an opportunity to create more revenue for Park and Recreation. Barber stated that Softball representatives did request to be present during construction of the mounds and base anchors. Barber noted that the soccer clubs did not feel that hosting tournaments would be an option they would pursue for their clubs. Barber also reported that the Soccer Clubs felt the Per-Player Fees were reasonable; however Little League and Softball did have concerns about the fees. Barber stated that the various clubs he had spoken with indicated that they would be interested in pursuing Corporate Sponsorships as a fund raising opportunity. General discussion continued on the topic of field development, seed, fertilizer and ongoing maintenance and the parties responsible for providing the man power and funding the maintenance of the Sports Complex. Barber stated that he would get a more specific number from Staff that encompasses the costs the City has been charged for the maintenance and where the fees are being allocated to present at the next meeting.

2. Parks Walkthrough-

Glenstone and North Pointe Parks were reviewed for potential improvements. Barber stated that there is a lot of open space available between the two parks. Barber indicated

he was in discussion with Master Gardner's Club, as well as conservationists and landscaping professionals to gather ideas to develop a plan for those parks. General discussion continued on various options to pursue, one of which is a Dog Park. Council Liaison Patterson asked about a membership requirement if there was going to be a dog park created. Patterson suggested that pet registration could potentially help fund that program. Patterson urged the board to continue to review their priorities with park development and pursue alternate means of funding, such as grants, for those projects.

3. Program Update-

Barber stated that the Halloween Fest was coming up. They have a haunted House ready that is bigger than ever. Barber stated that there would also be a bake sale, inflatable's in the gym, the Lions club supper, and a face painter as well as a kids maze. In other programs, Barber stated that Senior meals are now offered at the GCC. They are averaging about 15-20 people a day. Barber also noted that the volley ball club offered a clinic for the kids that was very successful. Barber stated that he is seeing a lot of interest from the community to form a club for Volleyball thru Parks and Rec.

4. Council Update-

Council Liaison Patterson discussed the Bike Ordinance that was approved at Council recently. This ordinance states that bikes must use the trail provided along S. James due to the dangerous roadway and raised curb in addition to blind spots to be aware of. Patterson stated that he would be contacting the YMCA to get an update on where they stand with their proposed new building. Patterson stated that the YMCA is still raising funds prior to beginning the project. Patterson also noted that the public library is undersized and staff are seeking ways to fund library expansion. Patterson stated that water levels have been severely low, and staff is monitoring rain fall and looking into drilling another well as to increase water availability for the future.

III. Board Action

None

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

Barber shared a request from the Grimes Chamber and Economic Development for \$500.00 to be approved for use on the Annual Holiday Celebration that is coming up Dec 2, from 4-6 pm.

Moved by Bickford, second by Breed to approve the donation of \$500 to the Grimes Chamber for the Holiday Celebration.

Roll Call: Aye: All; Nay: None. Motion passed 4-0.

Next Meeting – Wednesday November 28, 2012

VI. Adjournment:

Motion by Breed, Second by Molden to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm