



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday March 28, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

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

**I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

Roll call. Ayes: All; Nays: 0. Motion passes 5 to 0.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Rude, Second by Bickford, the Minutes from the January 25, 2012 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved. Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 5 to 0.

**II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Eagle Scout Project Presentation – Dallin Russell**

Dallin Russell of Troup 4 addressed the board to explain his Scout project proposal to paint the Taekwondo room and room 400 at the Grimes Community Complex. In addition he proposes to sand and finish the wood work with polyurethane in both rooms. He had received three bids for paint and supplies and felt the product and pricing he received was best for the project from Home Depot.

Moved by Rude, Second by Bickford, to approve up to \$350.00 for this Eagle Scout project. Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 5 to 0.

**2. GCC Fire UpDate**

Barber advised the board of a fire that took place in one of the rooms at the Grimes Community Complex. The cause of fire has not been determined. They were closed for three weeks while cleaning and repairs were made. The incident is covered by insurance. Barber also thanked a number of churches and local businesses that helped with relocating a number of the programs during the repair period.

**3. Review Sports Complex Fees & Rental Agreement Form**

Kara Gannon, DCG softball president. Gannon advised that this is their first year as a combined organization between Grimes and Dallas Center. They have had just over 150 kids sign up in addition to about 75 that signed up to participate in tournament and travel teams. They host two tournaments each year. One will be taking place in Grimes and the other in Dallas Center. One of the reasons for splitting the tournaments between the two cities is the fee assessed for field usage in Grimes. In

addition, Gannon advised that they have had several instances where they had field use scheduled and found other cities teams using the fields and felt that the students and coaches were potentially at risk when conflicts over field usage came up. She also noted that field maintenance and upkeep was not observed by the other teams. Ryan Anderson, scheduler for the Dallas Center Grimes Little League, addressed the Board. He shared the same experiences as Gannon and wanted to voice his concerns and wanted to learn what Grimes wants to accomplish with the fees assessed and learn more about the scheduling practices. Sterbenz offered the explanation that funding previously provided for park projects and maintenance is about to be discontinued. The ability to provide facilities and services for free is no longer feasible. Field rental and tournament fees are being assessed as a method of providing funding for park maintenance. Board members were open to suggestions for alternative scheduling and fee assessment in order to offset the costs incurred. After discussion it was agreed to offer out of town teams set blocks of time with the understanding there is potential for getting bumped if Grimes teams need make up days for rain cancelations. Barber, with Park and Rec, will work with the ball teams to create additional signage at the dugouts for field use. They will also include contact numbers for enforcement support.

#### **4. Review Park Goals & Current Projects**

Barber advised that the lighting at tennis court and sand volleyball is now in place. No other new projects or programs to report.

#### **5. P & R Director Comments- Spring / Summer Brochures**

Bret Barber stated that the new brochures are being distributed and registration has begun.

#### **6. Council Update**

Council member Patterson advised that Council is working through another small bond to fund a few projects. Main Street improvements being one of those in addition to a section of SE 19<sup>th</sup> for the trail connection to Johnston.

### **III. Board Action**

None

### **IV. Old Business**

None

### **V. New Business**

Next Meeting – Wednesday April 25, 2012

### **VI. Adjournment:**

Motion by Rude, Second by Molden to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm