



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday May 23, 2012 at 5:35 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

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

**I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Molden, Second by Breed, the Minutes from the April 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. Sports Complex Revenue Discussion- Signage/Fees/Tourneys**

Liaison Patterson reviewed the upcoming changes to the Tax Increment Funding program and the impact on the parks & Recreation program. He recommended that the Park Board make a list of their priorities for projects in Grimes for the year ahead. This list would then be given to City Council for review as funds become available for various projects. Patterson recommended that the Board continue to use a \$300,000 figure as their base for funding expectations. Barber discussed the options available to pursue in the efforts to make up the difference in program funding. General discussion involved sponsorship for signage at the parks or on team tee shirts, and additional per player fees. Breed recommended that sponsorships and signage should definitely be encouraged. Sterbenz noted that current per player fees are lower in Grimes than other communities and suggested that a \$10 per person increase be considered. Barber relayed the input he received at the last joint meeting he attended between the Park Board and the Little League, softball and soccer representatives. Their input supported hosting more clinics, camps, special events, tournaments and fund raisers. Barber did raise the concern about the additional wear and tear and maintenance issues that would come with additional usage. The Board agreed to revisit this issue at future meetings to continue the discussion and research solutions with the goal of deciding on the actions to advance by October.

**2. Review Park Goals- Glenstone Park**

Barber showed the Board photos of Glenstone Park. He stated they had a budget of \$25,000.00 for the project and received bids back for the work. The lowest was \$24,000, and the rest were \$30,000 and higher. The project has not been awarded as yet. Everything is contingent on the operational budget for the next year, and they should be able to move forward with a decision after July 1.

### **3. GCC – Summer Gym Rate**

The summer hours at GCC begin in April and run through August. Barber stated that he has been asked about reducing the rate for the gym rental since it is not as heavily used during that time. Barber thought that a lower rate for summer might attract more users for open gym time. Following discussion, it was determined that maintaining the current rate was still attractive and the Board did not see a need to change it further.

### **4. Program Update-**

Barber noted that there are a lot of registrations for the 3 – 5 year old programs. Due to the volume of participants, Barber is seeking more volunteers to help with coaching. So far there are over 500 participants registered. Barber noted that other communities do not offer many programs for the three year olds to participate in and Grimes is attracting family's from those communities with our programs for that age bracket.

### **5. Council Update-**

Council Liaison Patterson was on hand for any additional questions.

## **III. Board Action**

None

## **IV. Old Business**

None

## **V. New Business**

Next Meeting – Wednesday June 27, 2012

## **VI. Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm