



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday July 25, 2012 at 5:31 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

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

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Molden, Second by Bickford, the Minutes from the May 23, 2012 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.

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

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Review Park Goals- Glenstone Park

Molden handed out an illustration of Glenstone Park and provided several ideas for consideration to include in the future development of that park. Barber indicated that there might be as much as \$50,000.00 available for any improvements that are chosen. Once a final plan is in place, they would be able to determine actual funds to be allocated. Discussion continued on the various projects that would provide the best options to the residents in the area. Sand pits and natural playscapes. A dog park would be expected to attract people from beyond the neighborhood and would likely require parking accommodations that are not currently in place. A splash pad would also be of interest, but perhaps cost prohibitive at this time with the ongoing drought. Smaller landscaping, and visual enhancements may be a better use of funds available. Barber indicated that there are also programs affiliated with the DNR that could possibly be a source of ideas or even assistance.

2. Tree Planting-Volunteers Service Project

Barber wanted to inform the board that there are a number of projects in the parks around the city that available for any interested groups such as the Scouts, or various school clubs to help in the beautification and maintenance of those areas. The local Lions Club has become the first "Adopt a Park" sponsor for Lions Park. Barber also advised that any groups interested volunteering their time and effort in planting trees or park clean up in general in the community would be very welcome.

3. Program Update

Summer Recreation programs have had several cancelations due to the extreme heat. In spite of the weather, summer recreation numbers are higher than in the past. Flag Football registration is almost at a close. Registration for all programs can be accessed on the Park and Rec web site. Barber stated that due to the popularity of the on line registration, they would no longer be printing physical brochures in the future. For structure improvements, rooms 106 & 107 now have new windows and ceiling tiles at the community center. Flooring in the kitchen is scheduled to be replaced over the next week as well. The Jazzercise room is getting laminate flooring and walls painted in the next few weeks. With the continuing drought conditions, board members expressed concern about the health of sod and turf in the local parks, and the likelihood of it being damaged by the programs scheduled.

4. Council Update-

Council Liaison Patterson stated that the City is requesting limited watering due to the drought. Also the Sports Complex irrigation has been shut off to conserve water.

III. Board Action

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

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VI. Adjournment:

Motion by Bickford, Second by Moulden to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm