



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday September 26, 2012 at 5:35 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

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

**I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Rude, Second by Breed, the Minutes from the July 25, 2012 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.

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

**II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Devin Robbins- GCC Meeting Rooms Project Review**

Devin Robbins addressed the Board with an update on his Eagle Scout project with the remodel of two meeting rooms. Robbins shared photos of before and after the project as well as expenses for materials. Board members complemented him on a job well done and appreciated his efforts.

**2. Glenstone Park Project**

Brett Barber discussed various elements the residents were requesting for the park. Board member Molden had provided research information to Barber to share with the Board. One item that is gathering a significant amount of interest is a Dog Park. In addition, various play-scapes were discussed as well. Funding for any projects would still be several years away.

**3. North Sports Complex Update**

This summer's drought wiped out the seeding that was planted this spring. The City has tried to cut back the weeds that survived and overseeded grass. There are a lot of weeds that have started up and the grass seed will need to be replaced. The Complex will still need 4 growing seasons before it can be utilized.

#### **4. Sports Complex Revenue Discussion**

Barber discussed the various projects that were being considered to help raise funding for the Sports Complex. One of the recommendations being to hold tournaments. In order to proceed with that plan, it would require a number of the current fields to be improved. Barber stated this would require base anchors, move and build up the existing mounds. Barber stated that it would cost approximately \$1,500 per mound to move. Otherwise, there is just one large field that could be used to host tournament play. Barber said that they did have the USSSA Iowa Director and DCG LL Rep, Ryan Anderson, come out to look over the field. They indicated the possibility to use Grimes as an alternate facility when they have tournaments. Barber advised that if Grimes wanted to participate with hosting tournaments, we would have to start now to prepare. Another fundraising idea to consider would be a per-child user fee. Barber indicated that he would talk to the staff from Adel to learn how they handle issues with charging fees to multiple town residents and how their fee structure is set up.

#### **5. GCC Room Rental Fee Review / Construction Update**

Barber presented the current room rental fee schedule. He wanted to have the Board members input and thoughts on the rates. Fees were approved as is.

#### **6. Program Update- Grimes Senior Meal Site**

Barber explained about new Senior meals program offered now at the Community Complex. This program is a partnership between the City of Grimes and Polk County. They can provide meals for up to 50 individuals a day. In addition to the meals, there will be activities for Seniors, and special speakers on occasion.

#### **7. Council Update- None**

### **III. Board Action**

None

### **IV. Old Business**

None

### **V. New Business**

Brenda Hummel, 217 NE Circle Drive, addressed the Board to voice her concerns about the lack of adaptive, or ADA access parks in the community. She offered information about wheelchair accessible swings and bigger entrance at the tennis courts as well as curb access to the Community Complex. Hummel asked that the board consider including similar ideas when planning future parks.

Jarred Rosenbeck, the new Parks & Rec Liaison for the Softball Board. Rosenbeck wanted to thank the Board for putting up rubber mats at the batting cages at the South Complex. Rosenbeck also wanted to ask the Board to consider having the practice pitchers mounds extended on both sides by 7 feet so that there would be enough room to allow accurate positioning for the pitchers when they practice. Rosenbeck stated that he would also bring up the Boards questions about registration fees at his next Softball Board meeting.

Next Meeting – Wednesday October 24, 2012

### **VI. Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm