



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 5:35 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Morgan Molden; Cris Anderson; Brandon Neilson; Council Liaison Doug Bickford Park & Rec Director Brett Barber; Absent: Dennis Heiman; Charmin Sterbenz;

## **I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Neilson, Second by Anderson, the Agenda shall be approved  
Roll call: Ayes: All; Nays: 0. Motion passes 3 to 0.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Neilson, Second by Anderson, the Minutes from the November 19, 2014 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.  
Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 3 to 0.

### **Public Forum:**

Sonny Hall, Vice President of DCG Baseball Club addressed the Board regarding the need for additional field space and lighting for the Club teams and tournaments in the future. Hall stated that the cost of participation will remain in line with previous fee requirements. Hall indicated that the Club is proposing to reduce fees associated with the younger players and increase with age and level of participation. Hall also stated that the season of play for the USSSA program is longer and will allow more games for the players. General discussion continued on various options available to expand or improve the current fields and projected costs for improvements.

## **II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **1. Park Goals List:**

General discussion on priorities focused on phase 2 of the North Complex to include fencing for the ball fields and parking as the first priority followed by creating the Lions Park master plan then Autumn Park's master plan. Landscaping and trails would be considered if funds allowed. Barber proposed park landscaping could be addressed by various scout projects or community fundraising.

## **2. Park & Rec Director Comments:**

Barber stated that gym space is at a premium. Barber stated that fundraising was still proceeding but there were not any new updates for the YMCA project to begin. Barber stated that there was very good participation by volunteer's with the basketball programs.

## **Council Update:**

Council Liaison Bickford stated that in regard to trail development, City Staff prefers that those projects be driven by the various developers that are creating housing and commercial projects in the area. Bickford also stated that the YMCA fundraising project is getting closer to the goal and he anticipates that ground breaking could begin as soon as next year. Bickford noted that the City Staff is strongly focused on infrastructure improvements with the water plant and throughout the City.

**III. Board Action-** None

**IV. Old Business-** None

**V. New Business-** Anderson requested that a fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis be arranged in the community. Barber stated that City Council and Staff would need to be involved with any coordination for such an event.

Next Meeting – Wednesday January 28, 2014 at 5:30

## **VI. Adjournment-**

Motion by Anderson, Second by Neilson to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm