

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 22, 2015

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at the Enabling Garden. Members present were: Paula Winslow, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Shane Isley, Jeremy Boka, Lynnette Richey, Scott Sloan, Tim Van Wyk-Park Supervisor, and Jody Evans- Secretary.

Absent was: Amy McAllister.
Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the June 24, 2015 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Steve Moyna, seconded by Paula Winslow. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors were: Karen Thompson, Lisa Arechavaleta and Mindy Sanders.

Representatives from the “Walk the Talk” Bully Prevention Training spoke on their idea for a Walk in the City of Altoona. This annual walk brings awareness to bullying, provides resources to families, and to provide essential funding to sustain the program so that they are able to provide free bully prevention training and resources to families across the state of Iowa. They estimate that they will have around 100 to 150 walkers/runners. They would like to hold this on Saturday morning October 3, 2015. A motion was made by Shane Isley, seconded by Paula Winslow to support the event if City Staff and the organization can come to an agreed course that will work for them and the City.

Mindy Sanders, representing High Point Church was on hand to ask for support for a couple of events they would like to have in Altoona. The Church has been meeting at the Willowbrook Elementary school, but had to relocate to Grandview Christian for the summer, but will be back at Willowbrook Elementary in the fall. They would like to utilize Village Park for Sunday, August 2nd for a steak and sweet corn fest with approximately 70 to 100 members attending. They would also like to use the sand volleyball courts. A motion by Paula Winslow, seconded by Shane Isley to support this event. All ayes. Motion carried.

High Point Church would also like to utilize Village Park for Sunday September 20, 2105 from 4 pm to 7 pm for a High Point Church Fall Festival. This event is a public event. They would like to have a bounce house and human foosball. High Point Church will be responsible for obtaining the underground locates that they will need set up these events. A motion was made by Scott Sloan, seconded by Steve Moyna to support the event and allow them to waive the rental fee for this event. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Berean Church representatives did not attend the meeting.

Park update –

The City of Altoona received a grant today from Wellmark for the basketball court at the Ironwood Park. The grant presentation went well.

The board feels that the Altoona Family Fun Festival should change to a new name for the summer of 2016. They feel the event's name is too close to the Altoona Palooza name and it caused much confusion this year during their event.

Brigid Ernst feels that the Spring Creek Sports Complex is not being maintained well this summer. She has found trash out of the trash receptacles and trash not dumped as often. Soccer is in their summer break at the present time.

Park employees have been busy landscaping the the Campus, ice melt there was applied way to heavy, they pulled up the fabric and added new plantings and boulders. They have been trimming trees, the 5th Avenue tunnel landscaping had overgrown, so it was thinned out, staff is also spraying for broad leaf and clover.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Paula Winslow, seconded by Lynnette Richey. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at Ironwood Park.