

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 2015

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were: Paula Winslow, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Shane Isley, Scott Sloan, Lynnette Richey, Jeremy Boka, Scott Atzen – Public Works Director, Tim Van Wyk - Park Supervisor, and Jody Phelps- Secretary.

Absent was: Amy McAllister.
Quorum was declared.

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

Visitors were: Mitchell Rile, Kim Kietzman, Nicole Patterson.

Nicole Patterson, of the Altoona Family Fun Festival was present. She briefed the Board on the event that took place this summer in July. There was a big turnout and it was a huge success. They would like to make it a bigger event, more games and more things for kids through adults to participate in. There will be a family bike ride again with two routes offered, shorter and a longer one. There was discussion again on the event being confused with Altoona Palooza. Nicole said that they have discussed extending an invitation to one of the Palooza planning members to help with any confusion. Scott Sloan attended both events and said that they each have their own good qualities. He feels it is good to have multiple events for the community to attend. They again would like to hold the event and secure the date of July 16, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Scott Sloan for them to proceed with the event and the date of July 16, 2016, and reaffirmed that it is good business for the community to make sure that a Palooza representative is involved, motion was seconded by Shane Isley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kim Kietzman presented a concept starting a Tale Trail on the Prairie Heritage Trail. She is in the beginning stages as she brought in handouts that show them in Indianola, Urbandale and Waukee. They are storybooks placed strategically on the walk to tell a story. The stories are changed out a few times a year. They are displayed on a type of board that is weather resistant. They would like a portion of the trail close to the library, possibly from there to the Campus. They would be looking towards the City for help installing the books, and if ever vandalized it would be the responsibility of the Library Board to repair and the Library staff would be in charge of changing out the books. A motion was made by Shane Isley to support this on the trails, seconded by Paula Winslow. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park update –

Tim Van Wyk, Park Supervisor is getting quotes for the Adult Softball field fences and repairing the retaining walls on the north fields. He will also be getting quotes for the 5th Avenue bike trail tunnel. He is also looking at doing repairs to the Village and Haines

Park tennis courts. The City had been waiting for the Southeast Polk District to help with the cost, but it doesn't look like that will be happening at this time. They will also be working on the Sam Wise parking lot expansion to the north of the Girls Softball fields. Park staff has been moved about 30 trees and would like to move 60 more before they are done this fall. They are also hoping to get the sidewalk in by Ironwood Park. The City received a BRAVO grant which will help with shade in the Civic Plaza, hopefully that will be completed by next summer.

Paula Winslow noted that the Parks have looked great this year.

A motion was made by Shane Isley, seconded by Steve Moyna to have a Park Board Meeting on November 18, 2015, only if necessary. All ayes. Motion carried.

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A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Shane Isley, seconded by Scott Sloan. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall if a meeting is necessary.