

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 22, 2014

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Paula Winslow, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Shane Isley, Scott Sloan, Jeremy Boka, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent was Amy McAllister and Phyllis Murphy.

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the October 23, 2013 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Paula Winslow, seconded by Brigid Ernst. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Marlene Olson, Ruth O'Connor and Melissa Horton.

Marlene Olson representing the Enabling Garden, was asking approval for a new arbor 10x13x5 and 2 benches. The arbor will have a powdered coated aluminum top. City has agreed to do the sidewalk to the arbor that will be about 18 to 20 feet. The Master Gardeners have been busy raising money for this project. Cox Design will contribute by setting and furnishing the top beams at no charge. Vic Scott has a design for the hardscaping. Silent Rivers has provided the design plan at no charge. There are many businesses that are contributing to this project. A motion was made by Brigid Ernst to approve this project, seconded by Shane Isley. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Horton, representing the Altoona Chamber of Commerce asking for approval of an event they would like to hold this summer. The Chamber would like to host a premier wine event embarking on its 4th year for this annual event. This year, instead of using Toad Valley Golf Course they would like to hold the event at the Enabling Garden. The Premier sponsor will be HyVee. Melissa indicated that during this event if the Master Gardeners would like to fundraise for the Enabling Garden they would be able to do so. Melissa will work closely with city staff and Master Gardeners. A motion was made by Paula Winslow seconded by Steve Moyna to hold this event at the Enabling Garden. All ayes. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Steve Moyna and seconded by Paula Winslow to appoint Brigid Ernst as Chair and Paula Winslow as Vice-Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

2014 Park Assignments.

Amy McAllister –Village Park, Aquatic Center, Skate Park
Steve Moyna – Lions Park, Civic Plaza and Prairie Heritage
Paula Winslow –Enabling Garden and Greenway Park
Brigid Ernst – Dog Park, Campus playground area, Falcon Pocket Park
Scott Sloan – Youth Complex and Village Park
Phyllis Murphy – Haines Park

Scott Sloan – Phoenix Park, Eagle Ride and the Bike trails
Brigid Ernst – Spring Creek Sports Complex
Paula Winslow - Oak Hill Park (1975 28th Ave SW)
Shane Isley – Ironwood Park (Pirates Cove)

Park update –

Homeowners will be notified that there is a section of town where staff will be removing ash trees that are in the right-of-way. There are approximately 125 ash trees in the right-of-way that will be removed.

There is a tab on the new City of Altoona website that has information on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Action Plan.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Winslow, seconded by Shane Isley at 8:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.