

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 25, 2015

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Shane Isley, Lynnette Richey, Scott Atzen, Public Works Director, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent: Amy McAllister, Scott Sloan, Paula Winslow and Jeremy Boka.

A quorum was declared by Chairperson Brigid Ernst.

Minutes of the January 28, 2015 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Steve Moyna, seconded by Lynnette Richey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Brett McAllister, Beth Van Ryswyk and Mattia Hansen.

Mattia Hansen spoke on behalf of the Altoona Palooza Committee. They are again requesting the use of Sam Wise Youth Complex. This year it will be a Saturday only event. They are still working out events that will be taking place. A motion was made by Shane Isley to support the event, seconded by Lynnette Richey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Altoona Fun Fest, there was no representative for this event, and the Park Board members had some questions regarding the event, so they tabled this event until March, when the representative could be there.

Brett McAllister spoke on behalf of Music on the Plaza. This is the 3rd year of this well attended event that is held on Friday nights from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm during the summer. There are 8 nights that they would like to host the event. Brett would like to work with the City to see if we can add some additional garbage containers. A motion was made by Steve Moyna to support this event, seconded by Shane Isley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Beth Van Ryswyk spoke on behalf of Altoona's Premier Wine and Craft Beer Event, which will be held at the Enabling Garden on June 19th, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. It will be similar from the event last year. A suggestion was made that they use plastic wine glasses instead of the traditional glass in case a dropped glass would break and spread glass in the park. Beth said that she would definitely take that suggestion back to the sponsors and see what their thoughts were and she would get back to them. A motion was made by Shane Isley, seconded by Lynnette Richey to have the event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Beth Van Ryswyk also spoke about the Nippy Hippy event that they would like to hold on November 7th, 2015 at 10:00 am. The event would utilize Spring Creek Sports Complex again to start and finish there. Last years number of runners was almost 500. They will be using more advanced chip devices and hopefully have more precise time this year. A motion was made by Shane Isley to continue the Nippy Hippy, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park Update: Tim Van Wyk had sent out a February Park update. There were no questions regarding the update.

The Park Board is still looking for an individual or individuals who will spearhead the Music in the Park this Summer.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.