

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2014

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Paula Winslow, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Scott Sloan, Shane Isley, Jeremy Boka, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent: Amy McAllister and Phyllis Murphy.

A quorum was declared by Chairperson Brigid Ernst.

Minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Paula Winslow, seconded by Shane Isley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Alex Johnson, Randy Pierce, Jamie Sargent, and Garret Northway.

Southeast Polk Football update by Jamie Sargent: They have around 400 players grades 3 through 7th. They plan to add a press box in the spring. Each year they add more games and events, and are continually adding new equipment. They practice at all the schools, in the Rams Baseball area of Sam Wise Complex, and by the Campus. They continue to work well with the Soccer Club, and the working relationship is going well. Soccer opens up their concession stand for the football games and, in turn, soccer gets to keep the proceeds. They are also following the IHSSA concussion policy.

Rams Baseball update by Alex Johnson: They are strictly tournament ball teams that practice at Sam Wise Complex, but play out of Altoona during the weekends. They are in the process of building permanent batting cages and additional fencing. Their season runs from April to July. This is a more affordable league for players that are looking for a higher level of game play.

Park Update: Tim Van Wyk updated the board on what they have been doing the past month. Weather has been very cold and snowy, so that has been keeping them busy clearing snow the past month. Paula Winslow commented that she is glad they are keeping the trails plowed. There are trees they are needing to plant. Scott Sloan asked about the plans for the permanent bathrooms at Sam Wise and where we were on that project. Tim stated that it is in future plans; hopefully, that is something that will be started in the near future.

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

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