

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 23, 2014

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at Village Park. Members present were: Phyllis Murphy, Paula Winslow, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Shane Isley, Jeremy Boka, Chris Rhinehart, Assistant Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent was: Scott Sloan and Amy McAllister.
Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the June 25, 2014 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Phyllis Murphy, seconded by Paula Winslow. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitor was Nathan Thomas of Berean Church, Kelly Caylor of Hy-Vee, and Kurt Hantelmann representing Cycle Cross.

Nathan Thomas spoke of an event that they are wishing to host at Haines Park on September 28, 2014. The event is free and open to the public with all you can eat. There will be games, and music provided. Hours will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There is also Music in the Park at 2:00 p.m. that day, which should not interfere with the event. A motion was made by Phyllis Murphy, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kelly Caylor from Hy-Vee briefed the board on an event that Hy-Vee would like support with. Hy-Vee would like to host a community event, which would include a hog roast as a customer appreciation event August 2, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A motion was made by Shane Isley, seconded by Phyllis Murphy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kurt Hantelmann updated the board on the Palooza Cross, that they would like to join with the Altoona Palooza event again this year. Last year was a huge success. This year they plan to add a kids event and a night race, since there is lighting provided. They would like to have an evening race on August 22, 2014 with a day race on August 23, 2014. This is USA cycle sanctioned. A motion was made by Paula Winslow, seconded by Shane Isley. All ayes. Motion carried to support this event.

Park update –

Bathrooms at the Sam Wise Youth Complex should be done by the Altoona Palooza event. The Aquatic Park is getting some new items in the fall. The Memorial Plane should be painted soon. The Haines Park rocket ship is three to four weeks out and should be in place and completed this fall. The press box at the Soccer Complex should be completed soon. Brigid Ernst suggested that when the existing water fountains need replaced at the soccer complex that they put in one that is accessible to dogs.

Kurt Hantelmann talked about the vandalism at the Skate Park, with broken glass and graffiti there continually. Park Staff is aware of the problems, and try to get it taken care of as soon as they are aware of it.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in Haines Park.