

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, March 25, 2009

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Paula Smith, Howard Johnson, Madonna Warren, Rod Marvin, Paula Winslow, Jill Pudenz, Jerry Nolin, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent was: Phyllis Murphy.

Minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Rod Marvin, seconded by Madonna Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Bill Sowder, Sam German, D.J. McBroom, Allie McBroom, Addie Quinn, Erika Luinn, Jean Minjares and Linda Robson.

Bill Sowder, Adult Softball representative updated the Park Board on the season's beginning. He is hoping to make a profit this year. The Adult Softball league would like to purchase a new mower this year. A sales representative from the Dr. Pepper soda company came to Bill Sowder, and asked if we would like to put a soda machine at Lions Park. They would also like to put a soda machine in each park. The City would receive a percentage of the profits. There would be no cost to the City of Altoona. After many comments and discussions, there was a motion made by Paula Smith that we do not allow soda machines in any of the parks, seconded by Rod Marvin. All ayes. Motion carried.

At Lions Park, there is a hydrant on the north ball field that is broke. Bill Sowder would like to know who pays for the repair. Tim Van Wyk will check on it. The south ball field has lights on the field that have been damaged by tree branches; one pole does not light up. They will need to get a boom truck in there to look at them. There was a comment made, that on league play nights, the lights are shut off before all guests are gone. There is concrete coming up by the gates to the ball diamonds. Bill Sowder would like to repair that area. Bill mentioned again, that he would like a sign posted on each field stating no dogs allowed and no unauthorized vehicles be allowed in the ball diamonds.

Adult Softball leagues lease needed approved, a motion made by Madonna Warren and seconded by Paula Winslow. To approve the Adult Softball's lease. All ayes. Motion carried.

Girls Softball League was discussed. The Parks Board decided, by making a motion, to approve the lease, but not to back the lighting plan at this time by Jill Pudenz and seconded by Rod Marvin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park Update: There has been extensive cleaning to the bike trails, thanks to an individual that was doing the work on a volunteer basis. Village shelter's lights look fantastic. Sand Volleyball courts just need sand to be complete. As soon as there is a good day, sand will be hauled in. The Park staff is trying to get the sand in the courts with out tearing up the park. Aquatic Center will not be opening up until Memorial weekend. Rod Marvin brought in information on a waterless Ecotrap that they use in Key West, Florida in the bathrooms.

Paula Winslow reported that the Enabling Garden was awarded a grant for \$750.00 for a water feature. Big Boulder water feature is something that is under consideration.

Phase I of the Civic Center Plaza will be completed by fall.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Smith, seconded by Madonna Warren, at 8:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.