

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 2010

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Howard Johnson, Paula Smith, Madonna Warren, Paula Winslow, Jill Pudenz, Jerry Nolin, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent were: Phyllis Murphy.

Minutes of the February 24, 2010 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Paula Winslow, seconded by Rod Marvin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Adam McRoberts, Jandu Hamilton, Davis Horton, Stacy Horton, Jim Raes, Jen Book, Derek Fees, AJ Park, John Brommal, Alan Moore and Paul Wilkens.

Adam McRoberts spoke on behalf of the Altoona Palozza Event. They have secured the date of August 28, 2010. The City Council has agreed to allow them to have this event. It will be located on the north side of Sam Wise Youth Complex. The event will run from 8:00 am until around 11:30 pm. KIOA will help sponsor the car show. There will be inflatables and food vendors.

Jen Book and Jim Raes, representatives from Hy-Vee, came forward to talk about having a Community Event at the Civic Plaza on Fridays this summer. They are planning on having music, food, beverages and things for the children to do. They plan to have the events from Friday, May 21, 2010 through June 25, 2010.

There was a motion made by Paula Winslow and seconded by Madonna Warren to approve this event pending City staff and City Council approval. Motion carried. All ayes.

Artist John Brommal was present to show concepts of a sculpture that he has been commissioned to design and install at the Enabling Garden. He will be designing an 8 foot tall Praying Mantis. The idea came to Paula Winslow to have sculptures of beneficial insects. The Enabling Garden has received a grant from Prairie Meadows and will use the grant money for the sculpture. The Park Board members want to make sure that the sculpture is secured well into the ground and is sturdy enough for children. Even though it is not a play area, they know that children may try to climb on it. They were assured it would be secured well. A motion was made by Paula Smith and seconded by Jill Pudenz to allow the sculpture to be placed at the Enabling Garden. Motion carried. All ayes.

New Soccer Complex - the bid opening was held for Phase II and the Elder Corporation of Pleasant Hill was the lowest bidder. They already are doing Phase I, so it will be done by the same Company. Aaron noted that in Phase I the retention pond area took a while because of all the permits that they had to secure from the Army Corp of Engineers.

Parks Dept. is now working on their seasonal items; trash removal, pruning trees, finishing Haines Park fall protection. The windmill for the Library pond is three quarters assembled.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rod Marvin, seconded by Paula Winslow, at 7:08 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m.