

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 2010

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Howard Johnson, Paula Smith, Madonna Warren, Paula Winslow, Jill Pudenz, Phyllis Murphy, Jerry Nolin, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

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

Visitors: Jim Raes, Jen Book, Jim Sixta and Bruce Mason.

Altoona Palooza – No report.

Jen Book and Jim Raes, representatives from Hy-Vee, came forward to talk about Music in the Plaza. They are planning on having music, food, beverages and things for the children to do. They have secured 6 different bands to play. They are in the process of getting the liquor license, and the Altoona City Council has told them to proceed. The event starts Friday, May 21, 2010 and every Friday through June 25, 2010. Planned on May 21, 2010, will be a ribbon cutting for the Civic Plaza beginning at 5:00 p.m. Some of the fun events for kids scheduled are bouncy balls, soccer radar, and the Lions Club will be there with their painting fun for the kids.

Bruce Mason from the Campus addressed the Park Board regarding having a weekly Thursday evening Sand Volleyball league. He was asking for the Board to allow him to reserve the courts from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The league will be 8 weeks long beginning June 10, 2010 and ending on July 29, 2010. The fee will be \$120.00 per team or \$10.00 per person. It will be supervised and the Campus will provide the equipment. Signups will begin in two weeks. There was discussion on the floor regarding High School Girls Sand Volleyball and their earlier request for reserving the courts. At that time, the Parks Board did not think it was appropriate. The high school girls team used the courts last year and if people were using the courts, they seemed to finish up their game and moved on. A motion was made by Paula Winslow to approve the campus volleyball league for Thursday nights for an 8 week period at the Village Park pending league lease approval by council, staff and Park Board, seconded by Madonna Warren. All ayes. Motion carried

Phyllis Murphy asked Bruce Mason, Director of the Altoona Campus, if the rates for the aquatic center have been reviewed. He commented that the rates were taken to the Council on the December 7, 2009 meeting and it was approved by the City Council (without going through the Park Board as has been the practice in the past). Phyllis reminded Bruce that the rates need to also be reviewed by the Park Board prior to the City Council getting the information.

Jim Sixta, representing the Southeast Polk Girls Sand Volleyball league, requested to reserve the courts on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to dusk. A motion was made by Rod Marvin, seconded by Paula Winslow to reserve the courts. All ayes. Motion carried

Jill Pudenz discussed allowing the general public to also be able to reserve the courts at no fee at this time, except for Wednesday and Thursday nights when it will be reserved as above. Motion was made by Jill Pudenz, seconded by Madonna Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Aaron Putnam, Public Works Superintendent, had the Park Board review the Application for a Special Event Permit. After reviewing, the Park Board decided this was an application that would be filled out more for information only and the Board feels that this application could be handled by staff.

Aaron also discussed the Alcohol Responsibility Agreement. This would change the existing ordinance allowing no alcohol in any City Parks. Much discussion was held concerning this proposal. Alcohol allowed would only be beer or wine that is in a can or plastic container. No hard liquor allowed and no glass containers. No kegs and no smoking will still be enforced. If you would like to have beer in the parks, you would have to sign an Alcohol Responsibility Agreement along with the Park Rental Agreement. This agreement would need to be with the person who signed it during the time that they were renting an area in case police were called. After much discussion a motion was made by Paula Smith to allow for the proposal to be sent to City Council for their approval with any changes that the staff may see fit to this existing proposal, seconded by Paula Winslow. 4 ayes and 2 nays. Motion carried.

Park updates – Tim Van Wyk talked about the existing plans for the proposed Ironwood Park and discussed the dog park.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Winslow, seconded by Paula Smith, at 9:15 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 26, at 5:30 p.m. for the annual Park Tour.