

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 23, 2010

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Howard Johnson, Paula Smith, Jill Pudenz, Phyllis Murphy, Rod Marvin, Jerry Nolin, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent were: Madonna Warren and Paula Winslow.

Minutes of the May 26, 2010 meeting were read. A change in the minutes was made by moving Bruce Mason from the board section to the visitors section. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the changes by Paula Smith, seconded by Phyllis Murphy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: None

Park update: Music in the Plaza last one is this coming Friday night. It has been a successful event. Kids are still a problem swimming at the civic plaza. The fountain there has been treated for algae. Phyllis Murphy is worried about the safety of the sidewalk area because there are no railings around the water pond. Contract mowers have been rained out a lot. Tim Van Wyk is working through some of their issues. Windmill for the library pond is in and should be up by June 30, 2010. There are a lot of dead trees in the parks, and they are pruning trees that need it. Rod Marvin spoke with residents at the dog park and they want the water fountain inside the fence. Tim Van Wyk is looking at the possibility of restructuring the area so that the existing fountain could be in the fenced in area. Complaint is that they have to leash up their dog and open both gates to give their dog a drink of water. There are several areas that grass is not growing. Tim Van Wyk thinks maybe they could add some mulch in the problem areas.

Rod Marvin brought up the tall grass concern. He has a neighbor that the city mowers had to mow. They brought in a lot of big equipment for the size of the yard. Tim Van Wyk will check on this matter.

Village Park: Extra parking is desperately needed at Village Park. Tim Van Wyk brought three different options to the table. The Park Board discussed the options of parking on 4th St NW with a center island, a parallel parking on 4th St NW or an addition of a parking area and take out some of the green space to the west of the existing parking. Aaron Putnam's next step is to find out the cost of each of the options. We could always do parallel parking as a quick fix to gain some extra parking soon. A motion was made by Phyllis Murphy to add the parallel parking with budgeting for the expansion, seconded by Rod Marvin. Motion carried. All ayes.

Phyllis Murphy reminded the Park Board of the first Music in the Park which will be held on June 27, 2010 at Haines Park.

Tim Van Wyk briefed the Park Board that the alcohol ordinance that was brought to the council has been voted down. It may be brought back up in the future for the enclosed shelter only to be allowed to have alcohol. That will be discussed at a later date.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Smith, seconded by Jill Pudenz, at 7:35 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.