

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 26, 2011

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Madonna Warren, Paula Winslow, Rod Marvin, Steve Moyna, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent were: Howard Johnson, Paula Smith and Phyllis Murphy and Gerald Nolin.

Quorum was declared.

The Chair and the Vice Chair were not able to conduct the meeting. An informal vote by the members present resulted in Rod Marvin conducting the meeting.

Minutes of the October 27, 2010 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Paula Winslow, seconded by Madonna Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Dalton Sanford, Jordan Beem, Brandon King, Bobby Baccam, Katie Burdick, Randy Pierce, Aaron Strovers, Zach Atzen, Dylan Buckhill, Emily Nall, Jessica Gardner, Brooke Mozey, Kady Kendall, Bill and Neola Sowder, Dwayne Fink, Cody Cockerham and Sydney Braun.

Election of Officers and 2011 Park Assignments tabled until February 23, 2011 meeting.

Dwayne Fink, 305 22ND Ave SW, Altoona, Iowa 50009. Dwayne was inquiring whether there was a committee or subcommittee of people that were in charge of the dog park. He had suggestions and comments gathered on the park and would like to discuss that with City Staff. His main suggestion would be to light the park. The users in the evening turn their vehicles to shine on the park since there are no current lights at the facility. Dwayne was told that he can call City Hall at anytime and talk with Aaron Putnam, Public Works Superintendent or Tim Van Wyk at any time.

Bill Sowder, representative for the Adult Softball League recapped his past season. There was a lot of rain and rescheduling games this season and the concession stand did not profit as much as it had in the past. He feels that since there is no structure allowing him to limit who brings in what to Lions Park that people tend to not purchase from what the league as to sell. Bill is concerned that if someone sneaks in hard liquor then would leave who would be responsible for them if they get in an accident or pulled over? There was much discussion on this matter. Tim Van Wyk thinks there is room to compromise in this matter. Staff feels in this matter that there is a workable situation that can be worked through.

Randy Pierce, representing Southeast Polk Youth Tackle Football was in attendance. Randy spoke on the need for a score board installed at the turf field stadium at the new soccer complex. The league is requesting approval of a capital improvement project for the SEP Youth Tackle Football league and the City of Altoona. They are proposing to put a permanent scoreboard at the site of the artificial turf field at the new soccer complex. The scoreboard can be used by both football and soccer. They are working

with City officials to select the best site for the scoreboard. The cost estimates are approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000. The SEP Youth Tackle Football will pay for half of the cost of the scoreboard. They are asking for the city to reimburse them up to half of the actual costs in the FY 11/12 per the City of Altoona League Capital Improvements policy. They would like to get started on this project while the builder is out there. Now is the time to start on the lines in the ground while Elder is out there working. A motion was made by Paula Winslow to allow the SEP Youth Tackle football to install the score board, seconded by Steve Moyna. Motion carried. All ayes. Motion Carried.

There was an update given by Tim Van Wyk on the Soccer Complex. He is hoping that the fields will be playable in the fall of 2011. The detention area to the south of the Soccer complex has been seeded.

Park update – Tim Van Wyk said that it is time to re-bid the mowing contract. Last year there was a total of 115 acres of grass. The City staff still mowed 70 acres plus Sam Wise, not including the new 80 acres at the new soccer complex.

Emerald Ash borers are starting to make their way into Iowa. It is a bug that is eating all the Ash trees. The bug has been spotted on the eastern boarder of Iowa. The key is not to panic, it could take 10 years to get here.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Winslow, seconded by Madonna Warren, at 7:50 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.