

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 23, 2011

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Howard Johnson, Paula Smith, Paula Winslow, Rod Marvin, Steve Moyna, Gerald Nolin, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent were: Phyllis Murphy and Madonna Warren

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the January 26, 2011 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Paula Winslow, seconded by Rod Marvin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Aaron Putnam, Public Works Superintendent, Joe Carter, Carter Wright, Davonn Phothiboupha, Nathanja Agebarger, DuWayne Fink, Riley Duer and Makenna Fisher.

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Rod Marvin and seconded by Paula Winslow to reappoint Howard Johnson as Chair and Paula Smith as Vice Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

2011 Park Assignments.

Paula Smith – 18 Miles of Bike Trail, Eagle Ridge, Aquatic Center and Skate Park
Steve Moyna – Lions Park, Ironwood Park and Falcon Ridge Pocket Park
Paula Winslow – Prairie Heritage/Enabling Garden and the new Civic Plaza
Madonna Warren – Dog Park and Village Park
Howard Johnson – Youth Complex
Phyllis Murphy – Haines Park
Rod Marvin – Phoenix Park/Greenbelt Park

Aaron Putnam, Public Works Superintendent gave an event update. There are lots of exciting things that will be happening in Altoona this summer. April 9th will be the date of the Easter Egg Hunt on the Plaza sponsored by Hy-Vee.

Music in the Plaza: The dates of the event are every Friday from May 20, 2011 to June 24, 2011. The event will be similar to what it was last year.

Ragbrai: We have been picked as an overnight town this summer. Wednesday, July 27, 2011 will be the date that they are in town. Lots of planning is beginning to make this a great event. Committees are being formed and they are looking for help in anyway. There will be no park reservations that day.

Home Show Expo: We have also been chosen as a town for the Home Show Expo in Ironwood. Dates will be July 21, 2011 through July 31, 2011. This will be going on the same time as Ragbrai. Southeast Polk School busses will be shuttling for both events.

Altoona Palooza will be held August 26 and 27th, 2011.

League Leases have been mailed out. The Altoona Area Campus will not be organizing sand volleyball this season. Wee Baseball took over the Bam Bam league.

DuWayne Fink, 305 22nd Ave SW, Altoona had a meeting with Tim Van Wyk, Park Director on general maintenance, future planning of a second dog park, and good ideas of items that they need in the future. At the present time the money is not in the budget for this type of project.

Park update – Tim Van Wyk said that it is time to re-bid the mowing contract. The deadline for submitting a bid is March 10, 2011. 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.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rod Marvin, seconded by Paula Winslow, at 7:45 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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