

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

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

Absent were: Phyllis Murphy, Paula Smith and Steve Moyna

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the February 23, 2011 meeting were read. There was a correction made to the February minutes to clarify a phrase. Last year there was a total of 115 acres of grass mowed by the contractors. The City staff still mowed 70 acres plus Sam Wise, not including the new 80 acres at the new soccer complex. With this clarification, a motion was made to approve the minutes by Madonna Warren, seconded by Rod Marvin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Jim O'Brien, Altoona Girls Softball Association; Rachel Rensch, Jeri Bell and Jason Bernstein, Altoona Triathlon Club.

Jason Bernstein with the Altoona Triathlon Club was present. The Tri Club wants to hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stinkfoot Run at Lions Park on October 2, 2011. They are asking again to use the Lions Park, and the shelter house. They had around 100 participants the first year, and 165 participants the second year. A motion was made by Rod Marvin, seconded by Madonna Warren to allow this event to continue this year. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jim O'Brien, Altoona Girls Softball Association, spoke to the Park board about some changes that they would like made to their fields. They would like to put up a canopy, storage, and a safety net on the property. After much discussion, they decided to vote on each improvement separately.

A motion was made by Paula Winslow and seconded by Madonna Warren to add a canopy extension to the existing building. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Madonna Warren, and seconded by Rod Marvin to add 12x12 storage shed as long as it meets all the requirements of the City staff and Planning and Zoning Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Madonna Warren and seconded by Paula Winslow to add the safety net, upon gaining approval of the City Staff, Planning and Zoning Commission, One Call and any other utility company that may be affected. All ayes. Motion carried.

The league would also like to set in a pod and dress it up with a roof and siding. The Park Board would like them to go through Planning and Zoning and bring the plans that they approve back to the Board when it is approved. The Park Board would like the

league to do a cost comparison and show on paper that this will be the best choice for a structure for storage.

The Altoona Girls Softball League would like to build a field north of their parking lot where soccer is utilizing the field space. After soccer moves to their new facility then there may be a possibility that they would be able to build one there. The City staff will want to make sure that placement of that field fits into the long term plan. The league stated that they had the funding available to start as soon as they can.

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 any way. There will be no park reservations that day.

Home Show Expo: Dates will be July 21, 2011 through July 31, 2011. This will be held in the Ironwood area.

Altoona Palooza will be held August 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Park update – Tim Van Wyk said that the bidding of the mowing contract is complete. They will head to council with two possible candidates and have them pick which one that they would like to hire. Last year a total of 115 acres of grass mowed by the contractors. The City staff still mowed 70 acres plus Sam Wise, not including the new 80 acres at the new soccer complex. There are 150 ash trees in the right of way. The Park staff has been doing landscape maintenance, tree trimming and spring seeding.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Winslow, seconded by Madonna Warren, at 7:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.