

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 25, 2011

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. for the annual tour of the parks. Members present were: Howard Johnson, Paula Winslow, Rod Marvin, Madonna Warren, Phyllis Murphy, Paula Smith, Steve Moyna, Gerald Nolin, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Phyllis Murphy, seconded by Paula Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Bruce Mason, Greater Altoona Area Campus.

Townsend Park – This is a new acquired park that we are now responsible for. It was donated to the city by Bob Townsend. The existing crushed red rock pathway will be taken out and replaced with a concrete sidewalk leading to the gazebo. Shrubs will be cut back, a dead tree removed, and the evergreen tree trimmed up. There will be some type of border to outline the park either by shrubs or a fence. There needs to be a distinct boundary of the park so that the residents know it is a park and not an extension of the house that it sits in front of. Madonna Warren suggested that she would like to see this as a future toddler park. Also this park needs a sign designating it as Townsend Park.

Civic Plaza – The water fall is currently not working, but Tim hopes to have it up and running soon. Music in the Plaza started May 20th. There will be some trees planted. Park board members asked where the wetland sign is, and Tim will check on the status of it.

New Soccer Complex – Still a lot of work to do here. Concession stand and restrooms are going up, and they were working on the new turf field. Soccer hopes to be playing on it by the spring of 2012.

Lions Park – The sign still needs to be removed as you are coming into the park. Tim will make sure that gets done soon. Madonna Warren commented that the restrooms that are adjacent to the concession stand are getting in bad shape. Wee Ball is run by the Campus, but will be relocating to the Sam Wise Youth Complex once soccer moves. In looking at the playground equipment, there needs to be more sand under the swing set.

The Park Board would like the Sam Wise Master plan brought to the next meeting so that they can review it.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.