

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 28, 2011

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Howard Johnson, Paula Winslow, Rod Marvin, Phyllis Murphy, Steve Moyna, Gerald Nolin, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent were Paula Smith and Madonna Warren.

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the August 24, 2011 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Phyllis Murphy, seconded by Rod Marvin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Kris May, Deb Danley, Janice Smith, Judy Gashom, Bill Gashom, Duwayne Fink, Lynnette Richey, Ruth O'Connor, Sandie Hamilton, and Tim West.

Sandie Hamilton, volunteer with the Enabling Garden, discussed the vandalism that has been happening this summer. The committee would like better lighting, police security stepped up, possible insurance for the statues, and possible cameras to deter the vandalism. Tim Van Wyk will look into these possibilities with the police department and city staff to see what can be done. It was also suggested to Ms. Hamilton that whenever she or anyone else sees whatever looks like a gathering of individuals or possible vandalism, police need to be called immediately. Hopefully, this will encourage the police department to make regular and often checks to the Enabling Garden.

Tim West, representative with Snyder and Associates, updated and handed out a map to the Parks Board on the Lions Park master plan for renovation of the entire park. Many nice entities will be added such as a skating rink, two new ball fields, outdoor shelter, parking areas, renovation to the enclosed shelter house, and more with everything handicapped accessible. This will have a cost of approximately \$4 million when completed. This, of course, will be done in phases.

Duwayne Fink had a few questions concerning the dog park. He has been talking with other residents who use the park and they would like lighting, more benches and a culvert for the dogs to play in. He also said that parking had been a problem with the parents using the parking lot for football practice. Tim is hoping to purchase some agility items to have out for the use of the dogs.

Park Update:

Lions Park – The city is in the process of remodeling the shelter to move the senior citizen program there from the Campus. This should be completed in the next three months. This will also make the shelter rentable year around.

The baseball league requested to move their league lease from the current time of January thru December to September to August to coincide with their terms of the officers. Rod Marvin made a motion to allow leagues to change if it works better with their term of officers, seconded by Phyllis Murphy. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Haines Park bathroom was vandalized on Sunday night. There was extensive damage to the inside and the parks department is in the process of repairing the building.

The waterfall at the civic plaza has been restructured. It will hold up much better and Tim is very happy with the new design.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rod Marvin, seconded by Paula Winslow at 8:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. **Please note the time change.**