

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 2015

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at Ironwood Park. Members present were: Paula Winslow, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Shane Isley, Amy McAllister, Lynnette Richey, Scott Atzen – Public Works Director, Chris Rhinehart-Assistant Park Supervisor, and Jody Evans- Secretary.

Absent was: Scott Sloan, Jeremy Boka.
Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the July 22, 2015 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Lynnette Richey, seconded by Shane Isley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors were: Jane Burns, Chris Lynn and Beth VanRyswyk.

Chris Lynn is heading up Music in the Park. They have an even scheduled for August 30, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Haines Park featuring Music by Bob Van Hook, Jesse Lopez, Charly Proctor and Time Well Wasted. Come and Enjoy. Refreshments will be provided by CAP Children's Theatre. Chris said that next year she will line up the music ahead of time. By the time she stepped in to take it over, a lot of bands were already booked. Also, Chris Rhinehart and Scott Atzen will try to see if staff will budget \$200.00 a month instead of \$125.00. Many bands will not play for that low amount. September's will be held at 2:00 pm on September 27, 2015. Brigid Ernst offered to help Chris with a Facebook page to help with the social media advertising that will aid in getting the message out on the event. City staff will put the event out on Twitter.

Jane Burns with Caring Hands came to ask for support of the Hunger Run to be held on October 4, 2015 at 2:30 pm. Dart will help shuttle the people from the finish line back to their vehicles. The event will start at Caring Hands Food Pantry and end up in the Haines Park Shelter. You can register on their website for the run. This year half of the proceeds will go to Caring Hands and the other half will go to the SEP Backpack Buddy Program. Caring Hands has been working with City staff on their route. A motion to support the event as long as City staff gives their final approval by Shane Isley, seconded by Paula Winslow. All ayes. Motion carried.

Beth Van Ryswyk was present representing the Nippy Hippy event. This event has already been approved, however, they would like to utilize Spring Creek Sports Complex as their Thaw-Out Party site after the runners are finished. They would put up a tent, have food and beverages, and hold the awards at that location. They will need extra trash totes. This event will be held on November 7th at 10:00 am. They are still in need of extra volunteers if anyone is available to help. They have spoken to the Altoona Youth Soccer Association. This date is a soccer rain date, but either way, there should not be a problem with this location, even if the kids have games. A motion was made by Shane Isley to support the Thaw-Out Party, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park update –

Chris Rhinehart reported that their staff has been busy getting ready for the mud volleyball that will be held at the Altoona Palooza, tree trimming and taking needed trees down. Question was asked if they had found any Emerald Ash Borers in the trees, and Chris said that they have not. There is mulch available on brush drop off days if anyone needs it. The medians on 1st Ave North will be redone so that it does not obstruct the view of the drivers in that area. Sidewalks will be completed in the Ironwood development and the tennis courts that are in need of replacement will now be done next year and not this year. Southeast Polk Schools had entertained the idea of putting in new tennis courts at Clay Elementary, so we waited to see what they needed from us, and they did not get it done, so it was too late then for us to resurface the courts in the parks.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Steve Moyna, seconded by Shane Isley. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at Ironwood Park.