

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 2016

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Steve Moyna, Shane Isley, Paula Winslow, Scott Sloan, Tom Downs, Tim Van Wyk Parks Supervisor, and Jody Phelps, Secretary.

Absent: Brigid Ernst and Lynnette Richey.

A quorum was declared by Chairperson Shane Isley.

Minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Scott Sloan, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Greg Long, Robbie Baker, Liz Johnson, Mark Jones, Joel Stan and Dann Stan.

Robbie Baker with Grace Church spoke about how they would like to hold a Community Picnic at Village Park on June 5, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. They have held this event before and it was very successful. They are estimating around 150 people, they will set up at 4:00 pm and clean up after 8:00 pm. Tom Downs made a motion to approve the event, seconded by Paula Winslow. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park Update:

There were citizens present who have requested an additional dog park. At this time staff is still considering a location on where to put it. One suggestion was to add it by the north east lift station off of 1st St East. Tim said there are a lot of ideas for the next park. Some of the features we are looking at are multiple entrances so if one area needs repair you can close it off, staging areas so if you unleash your dog, it still will give them some space before entering the area, larger size would be good, and shade. Shane suggested assembling ideas and bring them back to the next Park Board Meeting. We can also look at the areas on the May park tour. Tabled for next meeting.

Parks staff has been busy planting 90 trees in public spaces throughout Altoona. Summertime projects will be new ball field fences and retaining wall at Lions Park. The retaining walls at the tunnel on 5th Ave will be replaced. Aquatic Park landscaping will be replaced this year. At Sam Wise we will be adding a parking lot expansion in the area by the Softball fields. They are hoping to have it completed by the time Altoona Palooza is held in August.

Tim said it is in the budget to hire a Park employee in the next budget year, and [Tim identified the full-time hire as an individual that is already on as a part-time employee.](#)

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.