

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 27, 2016

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were: Paula Winslow, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Shane Isley, Vern Willey, Lynnette Richey, Scott Sloan, Scott Atzen and Jody Phelps Secretary.

Absent was: Tom Downs and Tim Van Wyk.
Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Paula Winslow, seconded by Lynnette Richey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors were: Mindy Sanders, Allysa Ballantini and Brian Osborn.

Mindy Sanders, representing High Point Church, would like to utilize Village Park for Sunday August 7, 2016 from 4 pm to 7 pm for a High Point Church Men's Steak and Corn Feed. This event is for the men in their church, to eat supper and listen to a speaker. There is no rain date for this event. A motion was made by Scott Sloan, seconded by Brigid Ernst to support the event and allow them to waive the rental fee for this event. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Allysa Ballantini from Hy-Vee was on hand to discuss the Ladies Night that they would like to host at the Civic Plaza. This event is to give ladies in Altoona and surrounding areas a night to relax, mingle and learn more about the vendors and businesses that will have a table at the event. They are expecting 200 to 300 ladies. This event will be held on September 9, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If it is raining that night they will plan on holding the event in the Hy-Vee Clubroom. It was advised that they extend their liquor area onto the Plaza to allow more room for the ladies to mingle and extend it into the vendor area. A Motion was made by Brigid Ernst to support the event and allow this to proceed to the City Council for review, seconded by Steve Moyna. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Brian Osborn, representing the Greater Altoona Girls Softball Association gave a report on the 2015-2016 Softball season. They had a very successful season, and a few key decisions that they made proved to be fruitful for the league. Hiring of a new Concessions Stand Manager, Expanding their partnerships with other entities and Community Involvement helped make their season very successful.

Lynnette Richey, representing the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, discussed moving their event from the High School to the Civic Plaza. It will provide better exposure to their event and better access for their participants. The event would be held on June 10, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. A Motion was made by Scott Sloan, seconded by Brigid Ernst. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Park update –

Progress is being made on the new Tennis courts at Village and Haines Parks. Completion date is set for September 1, 2016. They will be marked for Pickle Ball and Tennis.

July 1, 2016 the new budget was in place. We have a contractor who will be taking out Ash trees so far we haven't found EAB in Altoona. They are taking down ROW trees for now just to reduce the number of Ash trees, new fences at Lions Park ball fields and replacing the retaining walls there.

Dog Park, we are still searching for the best possible area to put in another Dog park. Nothing has been decided at this time, looking at the best possible options for Altoona.

Announced that the Altoona 150 Sesquicentennial will be held July 24th – July 28th, 2018.

Vern Willey commented that the Altoona Tune Up had a wonderful turn out, netting around \$3,000. They will be doing something for the trails with the money in the future. Possibly another bike fix it station, the one off of 17th Ave SW and Casebeer is being used all the time.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Lynnette Richey, seconded by Brigid Ernst. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.