

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2015

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Shane Isley, Scott Sloan, Amy McAllister, Jeremy Boka, Scott Atzen, Public Works Director, Chris Rhinehart, Assistant Parks Supervisor, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent: Paula Winslow and Lynnette Richey.

A quorum was declared by Chairperson Brigid Ernst.

Minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Shane Isley, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Beth Van Ryswyk, Alex Bishop, Mattia Hansen, Christina Lynn, Caity Owens, Nathan Gjersvik, Nichole Fry, Iisha Martin, Vern Willey and Emily Bisbee.

Iisha Martin who is the owner of Capital City Coffee in Altoona is interested in starting Farmers Markets in Altoona at the Civic Plaza this summer. She would propose that they be on Wednesday nights throughout the summer. She has interested vendors already. The Board encouraged her to fill out an event form and to check parameters of what vendors you want there, talk with Jen Book with the Altoona Hy-Vee Food Store, and insurance and come back to the April Park Board meeting.

Emily Bisbee of the American Lung Association spoke about the benefits of having our parks tobacco free. There is no cost to the City of Altoona, and she would provide as much signing as we need. It was approved by Shane Isley and seconded by Scott Sloan for this to go onto City Council for their approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vern Willey spoke on the Altoona Fun Festival. He would like the support of the Park Board for this event. They are planning many fun events for the day, pancake breakfasts, bike rides, a long one and a kids bike ride, then after that is finished move events to the Civic Plaza and have kids friendly events, food, and entertainment for the attendees. An extensive discussion was held regarding the name and it possibly being too close to the Altoona Palooza, several suggestions were given to Vern about the name of the event. A motion was made by Shane Isley, seconded by Amy McAllister to support the event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Doland of the Calvary Apostolic Church of Des Moines would like to hold Sunday School in the Park on June 14, 2015. They would like to reserve the shelter and the stage at Haines Park. Their plans are to have Sunday school and Sunday school graduation in the park. A motion was made by Scott Sloan, seconded by Shane Isley to support this event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chris Lynn with Class Act Productions Children's Theater would like to hold four events in August. The children will be doing performances August 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 2015. They have held this event in the past, and it has been well attended, and the children love it. A motion was made by Shane Isley, seconded by Scott Sloan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Alex Bishop spoke on the MACC 5K Fun Run the Martial Artists for Children and Community would like to hold on May 9th, 2015 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm., using the local bike trails and the Altoona Campus. It is a fundraiser event through physical activity for a local organization in need of support. This year the money raised will help The Taylor House Hospice.

Beth Van Ryswyk spoke regarding her previously approved event Altoona's Premier Wine and Craft Beer Event. She took the Park Board's suggestion back to HyVee and the sponsors to see if plastic wine glasses could be used and not glass. All of them felt that they would like to continue using glass wine glasses. If you use a plastic glass it affects the taste of the wine. All Park Board members agreed it would be okay to allow the event with glass wine glasses.

Park Update: Tim Van Wyk had sent out a March Park update. There was a question if the Dog Park would be seeded and Tim said that they will be reseeding and spreading mulch around to help it not be so muddy.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Sloan, seconded by Shane Isley at 7:50 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.