

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2015

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Paula Winslow, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Scott Sloan, Lynnette Richey, Jeremy Boka, Scott Atzen, Public Works Director, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Supervisor, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Absent: Shane Isley and Amy McAllister.

A quorum was declared by Chairperson Brigid Ernst.

Minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Scott Sloan, seconded by Lynnette Richey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Sandie Hamilton, Iisha Martin, Melissa Horton, Greg Long and Matt Linser.

Greg Long with Grace Community Church spoke about the Community Picnic they would like to host on June 2, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Village Park. Last years event was cancelled due to rain. They are hoping for a good turnout this year. They are anticipating anywhere from 100 to 300 people attending. A motion was made by Paula Winslow seconded by Steve Moyna to support the event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Matt Linser with Crossway Community Church discussed their desire to host Vacation Bible School in the Altoona parks. They would like to rotate parks, starting June 14th at Village Park, July 12th at Ironwood Park and August 9th at Haines Park. These will be held on Sunday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All programs are available to neighborhood children to participate if they would like. A motion was made by Scott Sloan seconded by Paula Winslow to support this event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Iisha Martin discussed the Farmers Market that she would like to see organized at the Civic Plaza. She is investigating event insurance and working with businesses to possibly help sponsor the event or use their insurance to hold the event. The park board members like and support the idea of the event if everything can get worked out with the insurance, city staff and vendors to make this event work this year. The motion was made by Scott Sloan, seconded by Paula Winslow. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sandie Hamilton with the Enabling Garden discussed the idea and plans for the childrens area in the Enabling Garden. They would like to develop the south end of the garden for an interactive children's area. There will be musical instruments, fun play area an even and area to be planted by the children. A motion was made by Scott Sloan, seconded by Lynnette Richey to support them to proceed with the children's area. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park Update: Tim Van Wyk sent an update to the members for review. There were no comments or questions concerning the update.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Winslow, seconded by Lynnette Richey at 7:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. for the annual park tour.