

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2015

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were: Paula Winslow, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Shane Isley, Jeremy Boka, Scott Atzen, Tim Van Wyk-Parks Director, and Jody Evans-Secretary.

Absent was: Scott Sloan, Amy McAllister and Lynnette Richey.
Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the May 27 2015 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Shane Isley, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors were: Brian Osborn, Billy Sowder, Paul Jensen and Kelly Dahl.

Brian Osborn, President of the Greater Altoona Girls Softball Association, updated the Park Board on their year. He provided a handout. The Board has increased their board members to 17, there are 446 players involved in the program (+20%), 402 games played from 4-11-2015 to 6-27-2015, 4 tournaments, and 25 sponsorships from local businesses. The League participation is up 14%, and the tournament program is up 49% from last year. Their improvements included New GAGSA sponsorship sign, fence repair and improvement. Their scheduled improvements to be started soon is field resurfacing, field improvements, installation of new bases and pitching rubbers and batting cage and pitching lane drainage and enhancements. Their future plans will include complex improvements as follows: additional batting cage and pitching lane between fields 5 & 6, field groomer to maintain fields once resurfaced, additional electrical outlets around and in concessions stand, and additional seating around field 3, complex expansion (2-5 years), drainage around fields and batting cages/pitching lanes, parking and field availability.

Paul Jensen with Cyclocross was on hand to ask the board for support for an event he would like to hold at Lions Park on November 21, 2015. They hold their State Championship event here. This will be the 10th year of holding the event. This is one of the biggest participation of the year. Park Staff has had no problems in the past with this group holding the event at Lions Park. They also plan to have a kids course event at the Family Fun Fest on 7-11-2015 they. A motion was made by Paula Winslow, seconded by Steve Moyna to hold the event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kelly Dahl represented the Willowbrook Circle Block Party committee. They would like to hold a movie and a gathering for the neighbors at Phoenix Park on July 11, 2015 from 5:30 to 10:30 pm. They will be showing a movie at dusk, providing games and free food. A motion was made by Paula Winslow, seconded by Shane Isley to hold the event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Billy Sowder, with the Altoona Adult Softball gave an update on the season at Lions Park. They have had a very good year with teams, and they will be holding a fall session. He asked if he could have signs by sponsors on the fence. They would be Doll

Distributing and Iowa Beverage Division. The signs would not have a beer logo on them. He would also like to hold a 24 hour tournament during the Altoona Palooza so it will help bring in more people to the Palooza event. The tournament would play till 2:00 am and begin again at 6:00 am. Participants will camp at the event. They would be charged a \$50.00 deposit and \$40.00 would be given back if cleaned up and \$10.00 would go to the Palooza. If the deposit was not refunded the entire \$50.00 would go to the Palooza. They would use only the south fields and camp towards the south end so they would not interfere with the neighbors in the area. Flyers will also be distributed to the neighbors so they are aware of the event. Parks staff will bring another dumpster and Tim VanWyk suggested having Jim's Johns come through at least once during the event and clean the kybos. He plans on between 10 and 18 teams will be participating. A motion was made by Shane Isley, seconded by Paula Winslow to approve the event, providing a list of camping rules would be turned into City Hall by Wednesday, July 1, 2105.

Park update –

The City of Altoona will be receiving a grant from Wellmark on July 22, 2015 at 10:00 am for the basketball court at the Ironwood Park. If anyone is available please attend the grant presentation.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was made by Steve Moyna, seconded by Shane Isley. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at the Enabling Garden.