

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2017

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Sandie Hamilton, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Shane Isley, Councilman Vern Willey, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Supervisor, Scott Atzen Public Works Director, and Jody Evans, Secretary.

Missing were: Scott Sloan, Lynnette Richey, and vacant spot.

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the October 25, 2016 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Brigid Ernst, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Rachel Matson, Allysa Ballantini, Chris Lynn, Kyle Robberts, Carrie Forristall and Randy Pierce.

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Brigid Ernst and seconded by Sandie Hamilton to appoint Shane Isley as Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Moyna and seconded by Sandie Hamilton to appoint Brigid Ernst as Vice Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

2017 Park Assignments.

Mike Wall - Aquatic Center, Skate Park
Steve Moyna – Lions Park, Civic Plaza and Prairie Heritage
Sandie Hamilton –Enabling Garden, Greenway Park and Oak Hill Park
Brigid Ernst – Dog Park, Campus playground area, Falcon Pocket Park
& Spring Creek Sports Complex
Scott Sloan – Youth Complex, Village Park, Phoenix Park, Eagle Ridge, Bike Trails
Lynnette Richey – Haines Park
Shane Isley – Ironwood Park (Pirates Cove)

A motion was made by Brigid Ernst, seconded by Sandie Hamilton to approve the Park Assignments. All ayes. Motion carried.

Randy Pierce, representing Rams Baseball explained that they would like to utilize the League Capital improvement policy to make improvements at the Rams Baseball area. They would like to add the following improvements:

New Batting Cage \$8,500.00
Additional Fences \$2,875
Bunker Rake \$15,000
L-Screens \$4,500
Portable Mounds \$3,500

Shane asked if they might be able to in the future share equipment like the Bunker Rake with Girls Softball or Altoona Baseball. Randy said that they will explore that in the future. Shane also asked if Randy could forward the spreadsheet on which leagues have utilized this Improvement Policy. Randy said he would email it out to the Board on Thursday. A motion was made by Shane Isley, seconded by Brigid Ernst to approve these Rams Baseball improvements. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rachel Matson and Allysa Ballantini representing Hy-Vee for the Easter Egg Scramble, talked about the annual event. They are expecting 200 kids at the event on Saturday, April 8, 2017 beginning at 11:00 am. You can even have breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Hy-Vee buffet from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. It will be held at the Civic Plaza. A motion was made by Brigid Ernst, seconded by Steve Moyna to approve the event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rachel Matson and Allysa Ballantini representing Hy-Vee for the Ladies Night at the Civic Plaza Park on September 8, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. They will have vendors in the Plaza and lots of fun for the ladies. It was suggested that they talk with Swain Chiropractic to see if they could utilize their parking lot. They will be donating the funds to either Breast Cancer Awareness or Hy-Vee's Pinky Square Foundation. They plan to have a female band, and they will extend their Liquor License for that area. A motion was made by Shane Isley, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kyle Robberts represented Stories for Tomorrow, they would like to host an event called the Power of Hope Festival at the Civic Plaza on June 24, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This would be a community event and fundraiser for Suicide Awareness and Prevention. The band will be Abby Normal/Josh Sinclair. They will have a Kids Zone and they are hoping to have a beer tent. You can see more at storiesfortomorrow.org, they also have a Facebook page. A motion was made by Shane Isley, seconded by Brigid Ernst to approve this event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Carrie Forristall with CAP Theatre was on hand to ask permission to utilize the Haines Park Stage for Shakespeare in the Park, they would like to use the facility for both rehearsals and the performance. They would be using the Stage from July 24th to August 2nd. A motion was made by Brigid Ernst, seconded by Sandie Hamilton to approve the use of Haines Park Stage. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chris Lynn, organizer of Music in the Park for the City, updated the Board on this year's upcoming dates for event. She is still finalizing performers for the schedule. Chris would like to Advertise in the Herald and get social media going on spreading the word on dates for this year. She would like to have it put on the City of Altoona website too.

Park Update:

Scott Atzen met with Snyder regarding Softball parking expansion and lighting for the parking lot and decorative lighting that will be placed down the path. Additional drainage will added.

Vern Willey noted that in the future the Park Board needs to look at the Civic Plaza and if we set guidelines as to renting the facility. Shane Isley asked City staff to reach out the other communities and see what they are doing.

March 21, 2017 will be the bid letting on the Gay Lea Wilson trail.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.