

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2017

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Shane Isley, Scott Sloan, Mike Wall, Sandie Hamilton, Scott Atzen, Public Works Director, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Supervisor, Vern Willey, Council Liaison, and Jody Phelps, Secretary.

Absent: Lynnette Richey.

A quorum was declared by Chairperson Shane Isley.

Minutes of the March 22, 2017 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Steve Moyna, seconded by Brigid Ernst. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Ronda Gillaspay, Alex Dales, Matt Agee, Bruce Mason, Brett McAllister, Billy Sowder and Eric Raasch.

Adult Softball – Billy Sowder discussed how this year is forming up. They will be hosting a Bud Classic Tournament, which will be the biggest tournament this year. He has 50 teams registered to play this season, which is 460 players. He would like to request a 3rd ball field. Scott Atzen said that they will look at the possibility of re-vamping the current masterplan. The Park Board also suggested that he looks for grants to help with expenses too.

Altoona Campus – Bruce Mason would like to have outdoor classes which would be called Tour De Altoona, which is actually Boot Camps utilizing the different parks. Their insurance would be transferred to the parks they will be holding classes at. A motion was made by Scott Sloan, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Healthy Altoona – Bruce Mason discussed their desire to put apple trees near the Community Garden. Tim just suggested that they get in touch with him prior to planting so he could help with placement.

Music in the Plaza – Brett McAllister said that he has 4 dates picked out this summer. They will be held the last Friday of every month and only having 4 this summer, he can get bigger named bands to come in and play. Dates will be May 26th, June 30th, July 28th and August 25, 2017. A motion was made by Scott Sloan to approve the events, seconded by Brigid Ernst. All ayes. Motion carried.

Grace Church – Matt Agee and Alex Dales discussed that the Church would like to host a Grace Church Community Picnic. It would be held on Friday, June 9th, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Village Park. This event was scheduled for last year, however it rained and the event had to be cancelled. A motion was made by Brigid Ernst, seconded by Sandie Hamilton to hold the event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Altoona Soccer Club – Eric Raasch gave an update on the Altoona Soccer Club. He outlined some of the current activities and hosting of multiple events that are taking place

at Spring Creek. It was discussed about needing additional trash containers and Tim advised that it would be the responsibility of the Soccer Club to purchase more.

Greyt Paw Walk 5K – Ronda Gillaspay representing Heartland Greyhound Adoption is looking for support to have a 5K run utilizing the Altoona Trails. This event is scheduled for September 30, 2017 at Lions Park. The run would begin at 10:00 am. A motion was made by Scott Sloan, seconded by Mike Wall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park Update: Greenway Park has been resurfaced. They have been getting Goldfish and Coy out of the ponds. The Iowa Pond Guy helped and the Zoo helped cover half of the costs.

Tim would like everyone to create a list for the May Park Tour so we can come up with a most direct route for all the interested areas.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brigid Ernst, seconded by Scott Sloan at 8:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. for the annual park tour.