

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 23, 2017

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Altoona City Hall. Members present were: Sandie Hamilton, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Mike Wall, Scott Sloan, Shane Isley, Scott Atzen – Public Works Director, Tim Van Wyk - Park Supervisor, Vern Willey and Jody Phelps- Secretary.

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the June 28, 2017 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Scott Sloan, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors were: Belinda Rinehart, Melissa Horton, Maaike Henebribsen, Paul Jensen, Alex Payne, Victoria Veatch, Justin Guiter.

Altoona 150 - Alex Payne and Victoria Veatch were on hand to discuss utilizing Sam Wise, Haines Park and the Civic Plaza. Plans have been underway for some time for this event and they have included City Staff, and other Community Leaders. They are also going to incorporate a Time Capsule that will be buried in Haines Park once the best location has been chosen. A motion was made by Scott Sloan to support this event and for them to utilize parks for the numerous events. Seconded by Brigid Ernst. All ayes. Motion carried.

Relay for Life – Belinda Rinehart was present to ask for this event to utilize the Civic Plaza on June 9th, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Event will be the same as in the past and they will secure entertainment similar to last year closer to the event. They are estimating 100 people to be at the event. A motion was made by Scott Sloan to support the event, seconded by Sandie Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Nippy Hippy – Melissa Horton updated the Park Board on the route that was chosen for this year's run. This event will be held November 4, 2017. It will start and end at the Brewhouse No. 25. The charity this year that was chosen to help is The Homestead. A motion was made by Brigid Ernst to approve the new route. Seconded by Mike Wall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Justin Guiter and Paul Jensen, representing Cyclocross would like to hold two events in Altoona this fall. The first one is Spooky Cross, being held in the Aquatic Center Parking and green space north of it. The date is October 28 2017 and October 29, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are estimating 600 people. The second event would be to again host their Iowa State Cyclocross Championships. This would be held at Lions Park on November 25, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They have held this event there for several years and will host an estimated 400 people. A motion was made by Scott Sloan to support both Cyclocross events, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park update –

Lots of items the staff is working on, lots of landscaping done, watering new trees planted and general upkeep of Parks. Tim said that this summer crew was exceptional and a lot of work was completed. Other projects that are being completed by other companies are Sam Wise lighting, Bike trail hopefully will be completed by the end of August, Greenway bike path is cracking and the company will come back and overlay it.

A line in the Park rental agreement listing out what it will be used for was added to the form. By doing this we will hopefully be better able to see why people are wanting to rent it. It should let us know when the rental is secured whether it is a community event or a family event. If it is a community event, they will have to fill out an event form and go through the event process. We have had at least one event, where LLC said it was a private event, but turned around and made a community page on fb marketing it as a public event. That hopefully will deter those types of events from happening without our permission.

Steve Moyna said that a member in the audience (Alex Payne) was interested in the vacant Park Board seat. Brigid Ernst said that per the rules on boards it should be held by a female. City officials have a couple of other people indicate they were interested and when the officials are ready, they will be filling the vacancy.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. was made by Scott Sloan, seconded by Brigid Ernst. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Ironwood Park (2380 3rd Ave SW).