

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 27, 2017

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Ironwood Park. Members present were: Sandie Hamilton, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Mike Wall, Shane Isley, Scott Atzen – Public Works Director, Tim Van Wyk - Park Supervisor, Vern Willey – Council Representative and Jody Phelps- Secretary.

Absent: Scott Sloan.

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the August 23, 2017 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Steve Moyna, seconded by Mike Wall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors were: Brian Osborn, Beth Van Ryswyk, Richard Blanchard, Alyssa Beckwith, Joyce Cole, John Vedder, Chloe Thostensen, Jocelyn Hiney, Raegan Christianson.

Brian Osborn, President of the Greater Altoona Girls Softball Association, presented a handout of the year's activity, highlights, challenges, complex improvements and future plans. They are desperately needing to add additional fields and are prepared to start and have funding set aside as soon as the city gives them approval to begin. A motion was made by Steve Moyna, seconded by Brigid Ernst. All ayes. Motion carried.

Richard Blanchard and John Vedder were in attendance because they feel there is a need for dedicated Pickle ball courts in Altoona. They would like 6 courts so that they can run an adequate league. They are currently utilizing the tennis courts in Altoona, and even though they are lined for Pickle ball they are still not set up for their use. The net has to be lowered and in Pickle ball courts there is a fence between the courts. Richard Blanchard handed out pictures of courts for an example. There is an Altoona Pickle ball facebook page set up that you can like and get information on their information. Brigid Ernst felt a good place to look at placing the courts might be at the Townsend property. Richard feels that all the other communities around here have courts that their residents can play on and feels Altoona should add them to the community for use. He stated that it seemed to be more of a senior sport, but they have added many younger people playing with them which he feels makes it very enjoyable.

Park update –

The Gay Lea Wilson trail extension is 99 percent complete. Scott Atzen will contact the Altoona Chamber to see if they will do a ribbon cutting.

Sam Wise parking lot extension is ready to go. A private contractor will come in and put new lighting in.

Vern Willey noted that the handicap lines are barely visible at Ironwood Park and the drinking fountain needs to be adjusted.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was made by Mike Wall, seconded by Brigid Ernst. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Altoona City Hall.