

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 24, 2018

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Sandie Hamilton, Steve Moyna, Shane Isley, Beth Van Ryswyk, Mike Wall, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Supervisor, Scott Atzen Public Works Director, and Jody Phelps, Secretary.

Missing were: Scott Sloan, Brigid Ernst, and Scott Duer.

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the October 25, 2017 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Steve Moyna, seconded by Beth Van Ryswyk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Rachel Matson, Bailey Barnett, Melissa Horton, Matt Crowl, Maaika Hendrikson and Dwayne Fink.

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

2018 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
Beth Van Ryswyk – Haines Park
Shane Isley – Ironwood Park (Pirates Cove)

A motion was made by Mike Wall, seconded by Beth Van Ryswyk to approve the Park Assignments. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rachel Matson and Bailey Barnett representing Hy-Vee for the Easter Egg Scramble, talked about the annual event. They are expecting 300 kids at the event, 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 Beth Van Ryswyk, seconded by Sandie Hamilton to approve the event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rachel Matson and Bailey Barnett representing Hy-Vee for the Ladies Night at the Civic Plaza Park on September 1, 2018 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 a local charity. They plan to have the band The Sheets play, and they will extend their

Liquor License for that area. A motion was made by Sandie Hamilton, seconded by Beth Van Ryswyk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Maaiké Hendrikson and Melissa Horton representing the Altoona Chamber to ask to continue to hold two events that they have had in the past. Altoona Wine and Craft Beer Event, on Friday, June 8, 2018. They are again having plenty of tasting along with a cigar and whiskey pairing that went over great last year. Shane Isley encouraged them to investigate having an area to smoke and sample the whiskey, instead of smelling the cigar actually have an area to smoke them. Melissa said they would investigate that. They are planning for 500 people to attend. They did ask for some additional garbage cans. A motion was made by Beth Van Ryswyk and seconded by Mike Wall. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Chamber would also like to continue the Nippy Hippy again this year. 2017 there were 70 more runners than in 2016. They would like to utilize the same route as last year, it worked very well. A motion was made by Steve Moyna, seconded by Beth Van Ryswyk. All ayes, Motion carried.

Matt Crowl, President of Altoona Soccer Club, wanted to update the board on the fall season. They hosted the Target Cup with around 3,000 kids/parents attending. They are working on getting the spring season going and ready for the playing season. There will be a spring Rush Tournament held in April. There will also be a Central Iowa Academy Festival with several teams playing. Matt connected with Tim on which garbage totes that the City recommends purchasing, as more are needed at the complex. Vandalism is still a problem out there.

Park Update:

A new liner will be put in the Aquatic Center before it opens this summer. Oakhill Park is looking at improvements this year. Work on the detention pond will take place along with a pathway to the trail and a basketball court will be added. Plans for 8 Pickleball courts may go in at Ironwood. Plans were for 2 tennis courts to be put there, however the need for pickleball has increased and that will be a good place for courts. No snow plowing will be done at the bike trail that heads north from the lift station to the interstate, that will be designated as a Cross Country Skiing area. Work will start on the Townsend home to renovate it into a senior center and rentable space for events and meetings. They are looking at an estimated time frame to be completed in two years. The pond there also needs to be dredged. Tim is planning on hiring 4 seasonal employees for the summer, and they are hoping to add one more full time employee.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.