

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 27, 2019

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Steve Moyna, Andrew Frana, Beth Van Ryswyk, Sandie Hamilton, Jon Wall, Mike Wall, Brigid Ernst, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Supervisor, and Jody Phelps, Secretary.

Absent: Scott Duer.

A quorum was declared.

Minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mike Wall, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Scott Surprenant, Tim Stiles, Maaike Hendrikson, Carrie Forristall, Bruce Mason, Melissa Horton, Rachel Matson and Allysa Balitini.

Rams Baseball representatives were present to update the board on their season. They went over their fact sheet that they handed out. 2018 participation was 204 players, 18 teams and 47 coaches. They built a storage building last year and they are considering needing to do renovations to the existing fields and they have a need for additional fields.

Maaike Hendrikson and Melissa Horton with the Altoona Chamber of Commerce were present to discuss 2 upcoming events in the City of Altoona. First was the Altoona Wine and Craft Beer Fest, to be held at the Enabling Garden on Friday, June 7th, 2019. They have had this event in the past, with no issues. It is a night for the local community and Chamber members to enjoy tastings of beer, wine and spirits with entertainment by Andrew Hoyt. A motion to approve was made by Beth Van Ryswyk, seconded by Sandie Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried. The second event is the Nippy Hippie 5K Walk/Run, on Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 utilizing the Gay Lea Wilson Trail south of the Brewhouse No 25. This event has been an event for several years, with no problems in the past. A motion to approve was made by Steve Moyna, seconded by Mike Wall. All ayes. Motion carried.

CAP Theatre would like permission to use the Haines Stage for their annual classic production for the "Much ado about Nothing". Rehearsals will be at the Stage from July 15-24, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the show will actually be July 25 – 27, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Attending the rehearsals will be about 20 people and for the show they are estimating 100. Staff indicated that they have used the Stage in the past with no issues at all. A motion to approve was made by Beth Van Ryswyk, seconded by Andrew Frana. All ayes. Motion carried.

Altoona Campus, Bruce Mason was present to talk about expanding the playground, to add outdoor fitness equipment. Tim Van Wyk asked about what the fall protection underneath will be. Bruce will get back to him on what they will be using. They did receive a grant that will help with the cost. A motion to approve the expansion was made by Mike Wall, seconded by Sandie Hamilton. Beth Van Ryswyk abstained from the vote. 6 Ayes. Motion carried.

Rachel Matson and Allysa Balitini were present representing Hy-Vee, they would like to again host the Easter Egg Scramble in the Civic Plaza on April 6, 2019 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. They have held this event in the past, and there has not been any issues. A motion was made to approve this event by Jon Wall, seconded by Beth Van Ryswyk. All ayes. Motion carried.

League Leases that have been completed will go in front of the City Council on March 1, 2019. All have been completed except for the Adult Softball League.

Park Update:

Snow, Snow and more Snow, along with repairing equipment is about all the Parks Department has done this past month.

Election of the Chair and Vice Chair was held. A motion was made to appoint Brigid Ernst to the Chair position by Mike Wall, seconded by Beth Van Ryswyk. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Steve Moyna to appoint Jon Wall, seconded by Sandie Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jon Wall, seconded by Beth Van Ryswyk at 7:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.