

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2018

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Steve Moyna, Shane Isley, Beth Van Ryswyk, Sandie Hamilton, Scott Duer Council liaison, Scott Atzen Public Works Director, Tim Van Wyk, Parks Director, and Jody Phelps, Secretary.

Absent: Brigid Ernst, Scott Sloan and Mike Wall.

A quorum was declared.

Minutes of the January 24, 2018 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Steve Moyna, seconded by Beth Van Ryswyk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Sonya Wingfield, Rob Cross, Dan Waskel, Carrie Forristall, Angela Meek.

Angela Meek and Sonya Wingfield are asking permission to sponsor a Community Easter Egg Hunt they would like to hold at Ironwood Park on March 24, 2018 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. They anticipate 150 kids will attend. Last year they held the event, but did not ask for permission, they did not realize they needed to until after the event was held. Staff said the area was left in good condition last year. The sponsors are Angela Meek with Re/Max Precision, Sonya Wingfield with Collins Credit Union and Danny Richardson with State Farm. They also would like to display a banner on the pedestrian bridge. A motion to approve was made by Beth Van Ryswyk seconded by Steve Moyna. Sandie Hamilton abstained from the vote as her daughter is Angela Meek. All ayes. Motion carried.

CAP Theatre would like permission to use the Haines Stage for their annual classic production for the "Cap Classic" Production of Hamlet. Rehearsals will be at the Stage from July 16-25, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the show will actually be July 26 – 28 2018 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 Sandie Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rob Cross with Rams Baseball discussed their need for another shed for their league. They are wanting to have additional space for Baseball and Youth Tackle Football. They are utilizing some space for football at the Altoona Building Department but they are needing to get inventory all in one place. A motion was made by Beth Van Ryswyk to work with staff on specifications on the shed, seconded by Sandie Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Aquatic Park presented their new 2018 Park Rates. There is a slight increase of \$.25 cents for day passes. They have ended the Nanny and 2 person season passes. A motion to approve the rate increase by Steve Moyna seconded by Sandie Hamilton. Beth VanRyswyk abstained from the vote, as she is an employee of the Campus. Motion carried. All ayes.

Park Update:

In recognition of Arbor Day, the City of Altoona will be selling a limited supply of trees to residents, limit 2 per household. The trees offered are Chinkapin Oak, White Pine, Ohio Buckeye and Ginkgo. The Cost is \$25.00 per tree. You can pick them up on April 28, 2018 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Enabling Garden.

Parks staff has had a chance to get caught up on a lot of maintenance during the winter, and are ready to start the spring season. They have been trimming trees, general maintenance and working on accessories to improve the dog park. Tim had received an email by a user of the park concerning the condition of the dog park. Staff has been busy rebuilding and painting obstacles that the dogs can use at the park. A retired non-working fire hydrant that has gotten a new face lift and will be installed as a fun item. They may have to close a section of it in the future so that the grass has a chance to re-establish.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandie Hamilton, seconded by Beth Van Ryswyk at 7:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.