

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Enabling Garden
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at The Enabling Garden. Members present were: Sandie Hamilton, Brigid Ernst, Lisa Moody-Tunks, Jon Wall, Mike Wall, Scott Duer, Tim Van Wyk and Jody Phelps Secretary.

Absent: Steve Moyna

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the May 22, 2019 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jon Wall, seconded by Sandie Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors were: Belinda Rinehart.

Belinda Rinehart was present to ask for the use of the Civic Plaza next summer. Relay for Life of Eastern Polk County. They are hoping to have the event on June 13, 2020 from 1:00 pm (set up time) to 10:00 (done and cleaned up by then). From the City she will need electricity, cones and extra garbage containers. This event raises money for Cancer programs. This last year they estimated having around 100 people. They feel that since school went till the day before and it was such a beautiful day people had other plans for the day. They are hoping for a bigger crowd in 2020. Tim Van Wyk advised that there has never been an issue with them holding this event. Belinda will also have a table at Hy-Vee's Ladies Night in September to help spread the word. Motion was made by Andrew Frana, seconded by Lisa Moody-Tunks. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park update –

Tim Van Wyk updated the board that Brian Osborn, President of the Altoona Girls Softball league has asked that they name a field after Vernon King. Their board feels that he has played a vital role in their league and would like to honor him in this way. Brigid Ernst would like to see a policy for this developed, so that leagues have a pattern to follow in naming fields, and this does not set a precedence. The policy will have to have at least these questions answered, how big the sign will be, where it will be put and who will maintain it. After the policy is set Brian Osborn will need to prepare a proposal on what they are wanting to do.

This year there has been a lot of mud and standing water. Park Staff is busy working on their spring projects. Sewer Line has not been started yet at the Townsend house. A new sidewalk was put in to the south and east of Ironwood Park. Ironwood pond has been dredged, seeded and is now complete. Mosquito spraying has been going for a couple of weeks now. We attempt to spray the town completely once each month. Larviciding was done in May. Tim reminded all members that there should be no standing water in bird baths, pools, and flower pots or water standing on the ground because that is the breeding areas that mosquitos can be the worst at.

Andrew Frana said that he has been approached by the Altoona Running Club, and they would like to request running trails in the new parks that we will be designing, to see if trails can be requested and built in them. The club thought the new Twin Creek and Spring Creek Parks would be a good area. Tim indicated that he would try to connect with them and see what particulars they are looking for so we can know when they work on the proposed budgets for them. Andrew also had gotten a question concerning what parks have electrical available to them. Tim said he was working on that last week, so hopefully this winter he can work on updating the website so it is easy for people to find out that type of question. Lisa Moody-Tunks asked how they clean the walking trails and Tim explained that twice a week they run their round broom over it, sometimes a day later it is hard to tell that anything was even done.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. was made by Mike Wall, seconded by Lisa Moody-Tunks. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Village Park (Weather permitting).