

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 24, 2019

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at The Enabling Garden. Members present were: Sandie Hamilton, Steve Moyna, Brigid Ernst, Jon Wall, Mike Wall, Andrew Frana, Scott Duer, Tim Van Wyk and Jody Phelps Secretary.

Absent: Lisa Moody-Tunks.

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Sandie Hamilton, seconded by Andrew Frana. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors were: Jeannie Conkling, Matt Millard and JW Scott.

Jeannie Conkling was present to talk about what she would like to propose with the remaining funds from Skip Conkling's memorial money that is left at the Library. Skip's family would like to add a pocket park as an extension to the Tail Trails close to the Library. There is \$7,000 remaining and they are just in the planning stages of what they would like in this park. Tim Van Wyk provided Jeannie with a few catalogs to start their planning process. A motion to support Jeannie's proposal to proceed was made by Jon Wall, seconded by Mike Wall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Matt Millard a representative with the Altoona Running Club discussed the idea of utilizing the Twin Creek wooded area when planning that area. They would like to see running trails. There is roughly 20 acres there that would make for terrific trails for people to use. They are also interested in trails around the Townsend Community Center. A motion was made by Andrew Frana to support this idea for the trail expansion in Altoona, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

JW Scott, President of Altoona Soccer Club was present and handed out an Itemized list of items that the Club would like to use for the Capitol Improvement matching funds that is available to the leagues. JW recapped the fall numbers of just shy of 700 kids, the new partnership with Grinnell and rebranding of the select program to GPS Iowa. There will be a tournament coming up the first weekend of October, a girls team participated in Sweden this summer taking 3rd in one of the top tournaments, and played friendly games in Denmark. What a great experience it was for the girls. Some of the items included in the reimbursement was soccer goals, LED Tower lights and equipment and irrigation repairs. The fall season will start in just a few short weeks. A motion was made by Steve Moyna to move forward with the reimbursement of the matching funds to the Club, seconded by Andrew Frana. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Moyna discussed that the Altoona Palooza for June 27, 2020. He said the poor turnout was mainly due to the raining weather that they had for the weekend. Committee members are already well into the 2020 planning stages. A motion was made by Jon

Wall seconded by Andrew Frana to support this event again in Altoona. 5 ayes and 1 pass by Moyna. Motion carried.

Park update –

Park staff is busy tree trimming, landscaping, filling holes and cracks, and doing regular maintenance items along with keeping the parks in good working order for the residents. Naming of the fields(from June meeting) was taken to council and they suggested that the signs not be placed where they would obstruct the view and was of reasonable size.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Sandie Hamilton, seconded by Andrew Frana. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Altoona City Hall.