

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 22, 2018

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Phoenix Park. Members present were: Sandie Hamilton, Steve Moyna, Jon Wall, Mike Wall, Beth Van Ryswyk, Shane Isley, Tim Van Wyk - Park Supervisor, Scott Duer, Jason Ferguson and Jody Phelps- Secretary.

Absent: Brigid Ernst
Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Sandie Hamilton, seconded by Mike Wall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors were: Paul Jensen, Justin Guiter.

Justin Guiter and Paul Jensen, representing Cyclocross would like to hold two events in Altoona this fall. The first one is Spooky Cross, being held in the Aquatic Center Parking and green space west and south of where they were located before, they will just have to move a bit because of the new City Hall/Police Building that has begun. The date is October 27, 2018 and October 28, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m, with set up on Friday, October 26, 2018. They are estimating 500 people. The second event would be to again host their Iowa State Cyclocross Championships. This would be held at Lions Park on December 1st and 2nd, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They have held this event there for several years and will host an estimated 400 people. A motion was made by Beth Van Ryswyk to support both Cyclocross events, seconded by Steve Moyna. All ayes. Motion carried.

Beth Van Ryswyk spoke on behalf of the Altoona Campus regarding the Healthiest State Walk that will be held on October 3rd 2018 with registration being from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm. They will be starting at the Civic Plaza and will be walking the trails for a mile. There is no need for any additional City help. This is a Nationwide/Statewide event, where cities across the country have a walk this day. A motion was made by Jon Wall, seconded by Mike Wall to support this event. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park update –

150 celebration went very well. Parks moved 150 trees to make way for the new City Hall/Police Building. They will be utilized somewhere else. We are down to mowing every other week. We have hired a new full time employee and a permeant part time employee, so staff is going from 5 to 7.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Lions Park Shelter (509 13th Ave SW).