

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2019

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Altoona City Hall. Members present were: Brigid Ernst, Sandie Hamilton, Steve Moyna, Jon Wall, Lisa Moody-Tunks, Andrew Frana, Scott Duer – Council Liaison, Tim Van Wyk - Park Supervisor, and Jody Phelps- Secretary.

Absent: Mike Wall.
Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the August 28, 2019 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the following corrections by Jon Wall, seconded by Lisa Moody-Tunks. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors were: Nathan Frohock, Robin Frohock and John Peterson.

Nathan Frohock is planning an Eagle Scout Project for the spring of 2020. He would like the blessing of the Park Board to put in an herb garden at the Altoona Public Library. The Parks staff took out an unsightly bush that was not doing well, and in that area he would like to start this herb garden. He has already been to the Library board and they have given approval for this project. He will also be working with the Master Gardeners should he need any additional guidance. A motion was made to approve the event by Andrew Frana, seconded by Sandie Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

John Peterson with Peterson Planning Strategies held a lengthy discussion concerning current and future parks in the City of Altoona. He is reviewing the City Comprehensive plan that was laid out 5 years ago. A discussion was held regarding which parks are the favorites, what type of parks are still needed in the City and what lures in families to call Altoona home. He also encouraged thinking out of the box, even a possible park for seniors to go to. He also suggested looking at Dean Park in Ankeny as that park has a lot of desires that towns are looking for.

Park update –

Staff is doing general maintenance and tree spading. Townsend Community Center is moving along and they should be wrapping up the outside soon. Sam Wise parking lot is getting the cracks filled by the asphalt company, this should be completed by Monday September 30, 2019. The north parking lot at the Spring Creek Sports Complex is being torn out and the soccer and football is short parking at the facility this fall. Soccer does have a tournament coming up on October 5th and 6th and is worried about where they are going to park the cars.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was made by Lisa Moody-Tunks, seconded by Jon Wall. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Altoona City Hall.