

Altoona Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 26, 2018

The Altoona Parks & Recreation Board met on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Lions Park Shelter. Members present were: Sandie Hamilton, Steve Moyna, Jon Wall, Mike Wall, Beth Van Ryswyk, Shane Isley, Brigid Ernst, Tim Van Wyk - Park Supervisor, Scott Duer, Jason Ferguson, Greg Stallman and Jody Phelps- Secretary.

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mike Wall, seconded by Beth Van Ryswyk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors were: Heidi O'Brien, Jady O'Brien and Belinda Rinehart.

Belinda Rinehart represented the Relay for Life/Eastern Polk County. They are requesting to utilize the Civic Plaza again for their event on June 8, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Items that she will need are electricity, cones and extra garbage containers, a motion was made by Brigid Ernst, seconded by Beth Van Ryswyk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Heidi O'Brien and Rochelle Wallace represent Girl Scout Troup #296 they are a troop in Altoona that has 21 1st grade through 5th graders. They are working on a service project in Altoona that they are asking to design a donation food box to be set on the Prairie Heritage trail for individuals and families to use if needed. The girls will be restocking the food box periodically. Tim Van Wyk suggested that they work together to find the appropriate spot to place it. A motion was made by Beth Van Ryswyk, seconded by Jon Wall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park update –

Brian Osborn with the Altoona Girls Softball sent in a request to start working on temporary practice fields. They are in desperate need for additional practice field space. They are looking to put in infields only and realize that these are temporary until future plans are finalized to add in the cloverleaf (4 fields). The infields will be comprised of 4-6" of Ag lime material. They are not planning on doing any grading to make these game ready. They would like a fence structure that will separate the two fields but will not be putting fencing around at this time as we understand this would be temporary. Girls Softball will fully fund this project. They are just asking for the city's help in hauling off the sod/soil that will need to be removed. A motion was made by Beth Van Ryswyk, seconded by Brigid Ernst. All ayes. Motion carried.

The City has received many calls concerning mosquitos being terrible this fall. Conditions have been just right with the rain and warmer temperatures to have a bounty full crop of mosquitos. Tim said that city staff is still spraying the City each week.

There was a discussion concerning the League's rights to tell players, parents and fans to not bring in water, milk etc. to the games. The board would like to discuss this further at the next meeting and look at the league lease, talk to the leagues and come up with a solution for this problem.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. was made by Brigid Ernst, seconded by Sandie Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Altoona City Hall.