

Altoona Parks Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 2022

The Altoona Parks Board met on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 6:30PM at City Hall. Members present were Jon Wall, Linda Breeden, Chris Pudenz, Mike Wall, Tim Van Wyk, Scott Duer, and Beth Van Ryswyk. Missing: Andrew Frana, Sandie Hamilton, Lisa Moody-Tunks

Quorum was declared and Jon Wall called the meeting to order. Chris made the motion to approve and Linda seconded. All ayes.

Minutes from January were read and Mike moved to approve minutes. Chris seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Event Discussion: Egg Hunt at Sam Wise on 4/16 by Jeni Kadel. She is going to get more information to Jody and will be setting up conversation with the PD and FD. Mike made a motion to approve pending these further discussions and staff approval. Chris seconded. All ayes.

Event Discussion: 5K by HOPE at Lion's Park on 5/14. Hailey Brown was unable to attend. Tim mentioned there are details to be worked out, such as speaking with adult softball and making sure they don't have a problem with set-up being in the parking lot and making sure the running club is aware. She will need to speak with the Campus on wee-ball season as well. If Adult Softball and Wee Ball are both going on, Linda suggested she would need to reverse her route. Jon made a motion to approve after speaking with these groups and pending staff approval. Chris seconded. All ayes.

DNR Prairie Heritage Pond Update – Tyler Stubbs: 19 fishing ponds in Altoona which is 54 acres of public water. 15,000 fish have been stocked in Altoona. As of 2021, the number of licensed fishers rose over 40%. 2020 was a record year for license sales in the State of Iowa.

Staff will work with the DNR to get a completed list of all activities allowed on each of the city's bodies of water.

This summer, they're going to be doing a creel study. Seasonal staff will survey fishermen. The DNR have installed cameras (at the library and Prairie Heritage) to start seeing when it's getting usage and if they need to be stocking more at certain areas. Tyler will send Beth marketing materials to push out to the public to let them know they may be seeing someone from the DNR who may ask them questions for the study. Chris made a motion to approve the cameras and creel study (Falcon Ridge, Greenway Park, Library, Oak Hill Pond, Prairie Heritage) and Linda seconded. All ayes.

Visitors: None.

Tim talked a little bit about the park update. Crews are installing windows at Townsend Community Center. Lime for the new infields at Sam Wise has been delivered and it looks like equipment is appearing out there. This should be done by the end of April, hopefully, so league seasons are impacted as little as possible. Parks Staff has begun getting things ready for the growing season.

Chris made a motion to adjourn and Linda Seconded. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Our next meeting will be on April 27, 2022 at City Hall.