

**Meeting Minutes
Altoona Parks Board
City Hall Council Chambers
August 23, 2023**

Meeting called to order by Board President Chris Pudenz at 6:30 PM

I – Roll Call

Board Members Present: Chris Pudenz, Mike Wall, Matt Millard, Christine Adler, Alex Weigel, Lisa Moody-Tunks

Board Members Absent: Tim Stiles (arrived 6:45 PM)

Others Present: Parks Supervisor Tim Van Wyk, Public Works Director Scott Atzen, and Councilperson Scott Duer

II – Quorum Declared

III – Minutes from July 26, 2023

Moved by Millard, Second by Weigel

Approved 6-0

IV – Visitors – None

V – New Business

Pudenz raised concern of recent vandalism incidents in city parks. Discussion ensued. Enabling Gardens, Haines Park, and Village Park all had recent incidents. Atzen said that Staff and PD is aware. Trail cameras have been installed at Haines and Enabling Garden. Moody-Tunks expressed a need for more security and particularly cameras. Van Wyk mentioned that the best thing a resident can do when they witness evidence of vandalism or have other items of concern is to contact non-emergency dispatch. He said obviously that if there was immediate danger or the vandalism was being done in front of the witness, then 911 would be more appropriate.

(Stiles arrived 6:45 PM)

VI – Priority List Discussion (Facebook and Parks Board Lists)

Stiles suggested that List A (Amenities) which was compiled by the board at the July meeting could be passed along to staff “as is” with the understanding that these items will be evaluated and implemented as they become practical. Van Wyk agreed and added that staff will consider these items on a regular basis as part of ongoing maintenance programs.

Pudenz asked about the status of the Parks Master Plan. Duer and Atzen said it would be forwarded to Board Members when it comes available. All agreed this is an important piece of information to digest for the group.

Stiles suggested ranking projects from List B (projects) in numerical order and creating a master list. As homework, each board member will rank projects on the list 1 to 13 and submit to Van Wyk by mid-month in September. Then he can assemble into a cumulative priority order which

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can be discussed at the September meeting. Duer said this would be good timing for the upcoming City budget cycle.

VI – Consent Agenda

All agenda items were approved without discussion.

Moved by Wall, Second by Moody-Tunks

Approved 7-0

VII – Park Updates

- Atzen indicated that parking lot improvements at the NE Corner of Spring Creek Park Lake are completed.
- Weigel inquired about meetings at the Townsend Senior Center. Discussion ensued.
- Atzen provided an update regarding the Splash Pad at Haines Park. The number of potential contractors capable to construct the project is limited, yet staff is hoping to receive at least three bids. Staff is hopeful to award the project yet this fall.

VIII – Next Parks Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept 27 at City Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 PM

Moved by Pudenz, Second by Millard

Approved 7-0

Meeting adjourned by Pudenz at 7:48 PM

There was no recording of the meeting.

Submitted by Tim Stiles, Board Secretary