

Altoona Parks Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 22, 2023

The Altoona Parks Board met on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Lisa Moody-Tunks, Tim Stiles, Alex Weigel, Mike Wall, Christine Adler, Matt Millard, Scott Duer, Scott Atzen, Tim Van Wyk.

Absent was Chris Pudenz

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the October 26, 2022, meeting was read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mike Wall, seconded by Lisa Moody-Tunks. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson – Tabled until April Meeting.

2023 Park Assignments

Mike Wall- Village Park, Aquatic Center, and Skate Park

Tim Stiles – Lions Park, Civic Plaza, and Prairie Heritage

Christine Adler – Enabling Garden, Greenway Park, Oak Hill Park (1975 28th Ave SW)

Alex Weigel – Youth Complex, Falcon Pocket Park, Phoenix Park/Eagle Ridge

Lisa Moody-Tunks - Haines Park, Library “Skip Conkling” Park

Chris Pudenz – Spring Creek Sports Complex and Burget Park

Matt Millard – Ironwood Park (Pirates Cove), Dog Park/Campus Playground area & Bike trails

*Tabled Park Assignments until April Meeting.

Visitors: None.

Amber Stewart from the Altoona Library discussed having a Rainbow Run. Motion to approve this event by Tim Stiles and seconded by Alex Weigel. Motion carried. All Ayes.

Discussion on the Carnival Festival at Haines Park/Stage July 1st, 2nd and 4th of July. The Art and Culture Commission will be having several family fun events on these days. A Motion was made by Tim Stiles to approve the event, seconded by Lisa Moody-Tunks. Motion carried. All Ayes.

Consent Agenda:

Hope 5K (2nd Annual) Event – Prairie Heritage Trails – May 13, 2023. Motion was made by Mike Wall to approve the event, seconded by Lisa Moody-Tunks. Motion carried. All Ayes.

New Business:

The Park Board has the following requests:

Request to see plans for Townsend Stormwater project.
Request to have backstop repaired at Phoenix Park.
Requests to update Park Board Ordinance on the City website.
Request to consider lighting more trails.
Request to consider leaving Kybo at the dog park all year.
Request to investigate more accessible play features throughout the parks system.

Also discussed:

*Asked about creating a group such as “Friends of Altoona’s Parks” for fundraising and grant opportunities for Parks
* Asked about the development of Twin Creek Park. Altoona Running Club would like to assist in this process.

Park Update:

Discussed the following items:

- Townsend stormwater improvement project.
- Spring Creek south pond shoreline stabilization project
- Sam Wise field renovation phase II complete
- Des Moines Performing Arts doing a performance at Haines Park June 17, 2023 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am called “Bubbles”
- Visit Altoona signs with QR codes talking about businesses throughout Altoona that visitors may want to stop at. 20 signs, possible locations are: Sports Complexes, Trail Heads, Lions, Village and Haines.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lisa Moody-Tunks, seconded by Alex Weigel at 8:15 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.