

Park Board minutes for April 26, 2023

Role Call: Present: Mike Wall, Tim Stiles. Christine Adler, Alex Weigel, Lisa Moody- Tunks, Matt Millard and Tim Van Wyk. Chris Pudenz arrived late.

Absent: Scott Duer and Scott Atzen

Quorum was declared.

Minutes of the March 2023 meeting were read. Motion to approve by Tim Stiles, seconded by Lisa Moody – Tunks. All ayes, minutes were approved.

Visitors:

Lori Slings and Amanda Tollari representing the event: Democratic Party Root Beer Float at Haines Park June 25 and August 27. This event aims to excite young people to vote and participate in the political process. They hope to help visitors register to vote if they have not already done so.

A motion for approval for the event was made by Mike Wall. Seconded by Alex Weigel. All ayes, motion approved.

Chris Lynn addressed the board to let them know she had been in contact with the organizers of the Democratic Party Root Beer Float, and it would be over just before Music in the Park started.

Chris Lynn also wanted the board to know that the Capp Theater Summer Classic production would not interfere with the Music in the Park in July.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON:

Motion was made to elect Chris Pudnez as chairperson by Alex Weigel. Seconded by Lisa Moody- Tunks. All ayes, motion approved.

Motion was made to elect Lisa Moody- Tunks as vice chairperson by Mike Wall. Seconded by Chris Pudnez. All ayes, motion approved.

A motion was made to elect Tim Stiles as secretary by Chris Pudnez. Seconded by Lisa Moody- Tunks. All ayes, motion approved.

2023 Park Assignments

Mike Wall- Village and Lions.

Time Stiles- Civic Plaza, Prairie Heritage, Aquatics Park, and Skate Park.

Christine Adler- Enabling Garden, Greenway Park, and Oak Hill Park.

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

Alex Weigel- Sam Wise Sports Complex, Falcon Ridge Pocket Park, Ironwood Park.

Matt Millard- Dog Park, Campus Playground, Phoenix, Eagle Ridge, and Bike Trails.

Chris Pudnez- Spring Creek Sports Complex and Burget Park.

New Business:

Alex Weigel discussed G.A.G.S.A. and Altoona Little League applying for a grant to add to the playground equipment at Sam Wise Youth Complex. The thought is to have the new equipment be more inclusive.

Parks Supervisor Tim Van Wyk indicated the best way to start the conversation is to meet with City Staff to investigate the idea.

Matt Millard discussed concerns at the dog park. Areas without grass, lack of shade in the small dog area, adding an additional bench, and the condition of some of the play features.

Parks Supervisor Tim Van Wyk talked about the challenges they have had with the dog park:

Reseeding requires closing all or part of the park for a number of weeks. Limited points of entry add to the challenge of keeping the turf established.

The parks dept. would like to find a home for a second larger dog park. They have also considered extending the fence to the south and adding entry points making the park larger.

Staff will check the play features for safety. They will also investigate adding shade to small dog area.

Consent agenda:

Motion to approve made by Chris Pudenz. Seconded by Mike Wall. Motion passed with all ayes.

Motion was made to adjourn by Chris Pudenz and seconded by Mike Wall. Motion passed with all ayes.

Next meeting: May 24, 2023, 6:30 at City Hall.