

**Meeting Minutes
Altoona Parks Board
City Hall Council Chambers
July 26, 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, Tim Stiles, Alex Weigel

Board Members Absent: Lisa Moody-Tunks

Others Present: Parks Supervisor Tim Van Wyk and Councilperson Scott Duer

II – Quorum Declared

III – Minutes from June 28, 2023

Moved by Adler, Second by Wall

Approved 6-0

IV – Visitors – None

V – New Business

No items on the Agenda.

Stiles suggested the group could benefit from a discussion next month to prioritize ideas that were offered by Board members last month. Pudenz said perhaps they can be separated by cost and type of project (short-term versus long-term). Weigel thought it would be important to see the Parks Master Plan. Van Wyk agreed that creating a prioritization list would be of benefit to staff and Council as they begin budget discussions in the upcoming cycle. This is something that has not been done before.

Van Wyk and Duer explained that when the Master Plan is ready, it would be reviewed by Staff, then the Parks Board, then Council, before finalizing.

The Board then categorized the list of ideas that was constructed at the June meeting. Items were categorized into (A) Amenities or (B) Capital Projects.

VI – Consent Agenda

None

VII – Park Updates

Van Wyk provided several updates:

- Bids will be received and opened tomorrow for Phase 4 improvements to Sam Wise Park. If the low responsive bid is within the budget, work on that phase will commence.

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- The contractor for the 6th Street stormwater improvement project hopes to pour sidewalk and street at very soon. Project is on track for end of August completion. Ironwood Pond is currently drained and will be reworked to install fish habitat structure.
- City Staff has been busy prepping for RAGBRAI which is coming through Altoona tomorrow. Parks staff has mowed all ditches and right-of-way on the route. Several items have been constructed and installed at Spring Creek Park where the event will occur from 5:00AM to Noon. Access to the park will be limited, residents cannot access from the south entrance.
- Ash Trees – staff has removed approximately 35 trees and a contractor has removed 10 of the more difficult, mostly larger size trees.
- Construction on the Splash Pad at Haines Park will likely be started in Fall 2023 with a 2024 opening.
- Construction on the Pickleball Courts at Ironwood Park will likely be started Spring 2024.

VIII – Next Parks Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 23 at City Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 PM

Moved by Stiles, second by Weigel

Approved 6-0

Meeting adjourned by Pudenz at 7:48 PM

There was no recording of the meeting.

Submitted by Tim Stiles, Board Secretary