

**Meeting Minutes
Altoona Parks Board
Haines Park Shelter
June 28, 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, and Tim Stiles

Board Members Absent: Lisa Moody-Tunks (arrived 6:45 PM), Alex Weigel (arrived 7:05 PM)

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

II – Quorum Declared

III – Minutes from May 24, 2023

Moved by Millard, Second by Wall

Approved 5-0

IV – Visitors – Cheryl Nablo, 402 17th Street SW spoke of a need to have a splash pad somewhere in Altoona. Van Wyk explained that there is, in fact, a splash pad budgeted and planned for Haines Park to be constructed later in 2023 or early 2024. Nablo mentioned the possibility of a grant through Wellmark for splash pads and said she would follow up with the Board if she had any findings in that area. Duer encouraged her as any grant funds could reduce the city's cost for this project or a future similar project.

Moody-Tunks arrived at 6:45 PM

V – New Business

Pudenz inquired as to any City of Altoona involvement in RAGBRAI's route through the city. Van Wyk mentioned that there is a citizen committee tasked with hosting. The City's major presence will be at Spring Creek Park.

Board members shared their thoughts regarding their personal top 2-3 future park projects.

Millard reported that he has posted on social media asking for ideas. Recurring comments were:

- * Trash cans on trails
- * Dog waste clean-up stations
- * Lighting in Parks
- * Splash pad
- * Drinking fountains with dog accessibility

Wall indicated his priorities are:

- * Second set of sand volleyball courts
- * Adult softball upgrades

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- * Updated amphitheater stage venue at Haines Park

Pudenz indicated his priorities are:

- * Trails and traffic at Spring Creek Park, particular the trail crossing of Ed Skinner Parkway
- * Permanent restrooms located near the southwest corner of Spring Creek Park
- * Pave the north parking lot at Spring Creek Park

Weigel arrived at 7:05 PM

Moody-Tunks inquired about Public Art and the possibility of having something in a park

Weigel indicated his priorities are:

- * Improvements to Sam Wise Park
- * Complete Phase 3 and Phase 4
- * Trees at Sam Wise Park

Adler indicated her priorities are:

- * Lighting on trails (new and existing)
- * Drinking fountains on/near trails including dog accessibility features
- * Gardens – possibly using volunteers who would adopt a garden

Stiles indicated his priority is:

- * Adaptive/inclusive play area somewhere in the city

Moody-Tunks indicated her priorities are:

- * Adaptive/inclusive play area
- * Sensory wall or other equipment and areas across existing parks

Millard indicated his priorities are:

- * More trail amenities (some were listed above in the social media comment section)
- * Connector trail between Altoona and Bondurant
- * Connector trail between Eagle Ridge green space and Twin Creek/Oak Hill Parks

VI – Consent Agenda

Altoona Palooza 2023

Motion to Accept Event by Stiles, Second by Moody-Tunks

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Approved 6-1 (Nay Wall)

VII – Park Updates

Moody-Tunks asked about the activity at the Townsend Community Center and discussion ensued

VIII – Next Parks Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 26 at the SW corner of Lions Park at 6:30 PM unless there is a Parks Comprehensive Plan presentation by Confluence ready by that time, in which case the meeting will be at City Hall. Van Wyk will let board members know the final location well ahead of that time.

Moved by Wall, second by Weigel

Approved 7-0

Meeting adjourned by Pudenz at 8:05 PM

There was no recording of the meeting.

Submitted by Tim Stiles, Board Secretary