

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Altoona Parks Board**  
**Altoona City Hall – Council Chambers**  
**May 24, 2023**

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

I – Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

II – Quorum Declared

III – Minutes from April 26, 2023

Moved by Adler, Second by Moody-Tunks

Approved 7-0

IV – Visitors – None

V – New Business

(a) Discussion regarding future projects

Van Wyk suggested he would supply Board Members with the City's FY 24-25 Capital Improvement Program which includes the Parks projects which are being funded. Further, it was suggested to also provide information about projects contemplated in the future which have yet to be funded in the City's Capital Improvement Program.

Wall suggested Board members focus on individual parks, one or two at a time. Van Wyk suggested each Board member prioritize their top three projects and bring those forward for discussion. Following discussion, those projects can be prioritized, and next steps taken forward by staff.

Van Wyk noted that Confluence should have the master parks plan ready in time for the June meeting.

(b) Discussion regarding grants

Moody-Tunks expressed a desire for the City to be aggressive in pursuing grant funding for projects.

Duer discussed the possibility of using a Friends of Parks organization to assist with grant funding.

(c) Discussion regarding summer Parks Board meetings

Van Wyk mentioned the summer meetings are typically rotated around to individual parks. At that time the condition and potential improvements to that park could be discussed in more detail.

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VI – Consent Agenda

No items

VII – Park Updates

Van Wyk reported on the following items:

- 6<sup>th</sup> St Culvert / Townsend Storm Sewer Improvements – project should be completed by end of June; the project has slowed due to material supply shortage.
- Spring Creek Pond Shoreline Improvements – should be completed by end of June.
- Sam Wise Field Restoration – next phase will begin in July and should be complete by Spring 2024. Improvements are planned to Softball Fields 5/6 and Baseball Fields 5/6)
- Ironwood Park – new parking lot project has begun. This will be on the south side of the park and should be complete later this summer. The next project planned is to construct four pickleball courts beginning in the fall with completion sometime in 2024.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Street widening – although this is a street project and not a parks project, it will affect the entrance/exit into the south Sam Wise parking area. It will be limited to one in-out drive. This project should be completed by fall.
- Parks Dept Staff over the last few weeks has planted over 100 new trees in parks and green public areas of the city.

Wall suggested that yellow dividing lines be painted in tunnels on trails to avoid bicycle-pedestrian conflicts. He noted a recent near-miss incident at the Venbury Drive tunnel. Van Wyk will evaluate.

Duer and Van Wyk noted that cars have been parking illegally on Skinner Parkway to attend matches at Spring Creek Soccer Complex. This is occurring primarily during weekend tournaments. Police have been on-scene and noted that many parking spaces are available in the existing parking lots. This creates a safety issue. Duer noted that signage will be placed declaring such parking illegal and violators will be towed if necessary.

VIII – Next Park Board Meeting

The next meeting would be held June 28 at Haines Park.

Moved by Wall, Second by Moody-Tunks

Approved 7-0

Meeting adjourned by Pudenz at 7:20 PM

There was no recording of the meeting.

Submitted by Tim Stiles, Board Secretary

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