

**Meeting Minutes  
Altoona Parks Board  
City Hall Council Chambers  
October 25, 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, Alex Weigel, Lisa Moody-Tunks, Tim Stiles

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Public Works Director Scott Atzen, Parks Supervisor Tim Van Wyk, Councilperson Scott Duer, Confluence Representative Jim Host

II – Quorum Declared

III – Minutes from August 23, 2023

Moved by Millard , Second by Moody-Tunks

Approved 7-0

IV – Visitors Not on the Agenda

None

V – New Business

Millard voiced a concern about a new trail that was affected by the recent rains. Mud had run across the trail and someone walking on the trail slipped and fell. Atzen will follow up with the contractor to ensure that adequate anti-erosion measures have been or will be taken.

Moody-Tunks voiced a concern regarding homeless people in Haines Park. She also voiced a concern about leaves accumulating in Haines Park and blowing over to neighboring yards.

Pudenz voiced a concern about maintenance of the permanent restrooms at Spring Creek Park.

Weigel and others voiced similar concerns about restrooms and excess trash that regularly accumulates and not cleaned up at Spring Creek Park.

Pudenz brought up a recurring concern about vandalism in Enabling Garden and Haines Park. Atzen mentioned that there was recent vandalism involving a city maintenance vehicle at the Treatment Plant, as well as additional vandalism recently at Enabling Garden. Atzen said that Altoona Police has caught the juveniles responsible for the vehicle vandalism.

VI – Park Master Plan – Confluence Rep Jim Host

Host provided a presentation of the Altoona Park & Comprehensive Facility Plan. He explained the process. There were meetings with stakeholders in October 2021. He listed recurring comment opportunities that evolved after these meetings. These opportunities were outlined in the presentation.

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He outlined spending suggestions at specific parks, and noted that the proposed Capital Improvement spending was \$43 million.

Atzen suggested that Park Board members read through the details and provide any feedback and comments. Stiles mentioned that the group's prioritization list of opportunities which was compiled over the past few months was a good commentary on the board's consensus thoughts. Board members were asked to identify strengths and weaknesses, and provide those 3-4 top areas via email no later than November 17. These could then be added to the opportunities.

Other discussion revolved around connector trails, adaptive and inclusive play areas, and trail safety.

VI – Consent Agenda

None

VII – Park Updates

Van Wyk provided the following updates:

- Townsend stormwater project is nearing completion with only remaining seeding and punch list items to be completed.
- Haines Park splash pad construction will begin next week.
- Spring Creek Park has the parking lot, driveway, and boat ramp installed.
- Ironwood Park pickleball courts will be bid over the winter with ideally construction beginning in the Spring of 2024.
- Sam Wise Park phase 3 improvements are progressing and looking good.

VIII – Next Parks Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 6:30PM in City Hall Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned by Pudenz at 7:40 PM

There was no recording of the meeting.

Submitted by Tim Stiles, Board Secretary