

**Albertville Parks Committee meeting minutes
1-23-12**

Attendees: Tim Guimont, LeRoy Berning, Mark Barthel, Andy Swanson

Central Park Comprehensive Plan

- Committee discussed how to make room for hockey arena expansion and adding amenities to it so the facility serves more than hockey teams and players. Suggestions included a splash park, sliding hill, skatepark. Also could turn baseball field into a softball field and re-align it to make more efficient use of space. If a baseball field is deemed to be a necessary facility for Albertville, one could be constructed near the compost site. Park board members think that amenities of Lions Park serve the community well and we'd like to preserve -- if not improve -- them by adding another softball field. The park board wants to meet with Albertville City Council for further discussion about this important topic.

Christmas decorations

- Discussed purchasing new Christmas decorations for Main Avenue and buying banners for Co. Rd. 19. Also discussed planting a spruce tree on corner of Main Avenue and Co. Rd. 37 and decorate it for Christmas.

Parks night

- Set date for 2012 Albertville Explore Your Parks night: May 18, 6-8 pm
Last year's event was hosted at Linwood, Winter, Oakside, Villas, Four Seasons and Westwind parks. More details will be worked out at the next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for February 20, 8:00

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