

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Drew Brazie
Joel Hoger
Kerry Koonce
Roger Netsch
Kathy Turnball
Kate Walton

Also present were:

Doug Bylund
Al Farris

Welcome our 2 newest members Kerry Koonce and Kathy Turnball

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Consent Items

The consent agenda consisting of the following was approved on a motion by Hoger and seconded by Walton, unanimous approval.

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Support Group Reports

Sustainability Report: The committee is planning to attend the January 22 Council Study Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the feasibility of the Sustainability Committee.

Tree Committee: The committee is looking to install park benches at the Oak Savannah at Pickard Park. Currently the Parks Department is in the process of removing 57 ash trees. The Committee is researching the possibility of bringing back the resident adopt-a-tree program in order to encourage more tree plantings.

Indianola Park Friends: The Park Friends met to prioritize for the upcoming year's activities and are working to prepare for the Member Pre-Plant Sale in April. They are also working to hold a family event at the Amphitheater.

Friends of Indianola Trails: A public information meeting was held on Thursday, November 8 for the Jerry Kelley Phase 2 and East Hillcrest Trails. There were questions and concerns relating to future maintenance of the trail and snow removal. There was also many comments feeling that the “on-street” portion of the trail will be dangerous for cyclers and pedestrians.

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- An award was presented to Roger Netsch thanking him for his 2 terms of service to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- The Ice Rink was installed and filled with water the first week of December. The ice was nearly frozen enough for skating early this week until the recent warm weather. The Grand Opening was held on Wednesday, December 12 with over 25 people representing the Iowa Wild, Wells Fargo Bank, Elected Officials, City Staff and other ice enthusiasts in attendance. Unfortunately, the ice is not thick enough and safe for skating. We will inform the public via our website and Facebook once it is open. There is also signage at the rink posting whether it is open or closed.
- The final plans will be submitted for the Jerry Kelley Trail Phase 2 with an anticipated Bid Letting for March 19, 2019.
- A motion to amend the Participant Liability Statement was made by Walton, 2nd by Brazie, unanimous approval
- FY 2019/20 Budget process. The budget for fiscal year 2019/20 will be prepared November through February with final Council approval in early March 2019.

Recreation:

- The fall I-Magazine was mailed out the first week of October.
- The next I-Magazine will be mailed out the final week of December. Our staff has been working to offer many of the current favorites as well as a variety of new programs and events.

Parks:

- Park Technician I position – over 60 applications were received and interviewing is taking place the week of December 10 and 17.
- The Parks Staff installed the Holiday decoration around the city with the assistance of IMU.
- Park staff attended to the first snow event on November 25 & 26.
- Ash Tree Removal – The removal of 57 ash trees has begun and is planned to be finished before the end of the year.
- Pickard and Activity Center Hay Contract. Discussion was held regarding the hay contract at Pickard Park. A motion was made by Netsch and 2nd by Hoger to work with Warren County Conservation to add more prairie and expand on the Oak Savannah. The hay contract for 2019 will only be offered at the Activity Center.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at the Indianola Activity Center at 5:00 pm.

It was moved by Hoger and seconded by Koonce to adjourn at 5:45 pm.