

Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, at 5:00 pm at the Activity Center. Those present were:

Roger Netsch
Jon Anderson
Jennifer Leech
Laura Beals
John Hagener

Also present were: Chris Desplanques
Eric Hansen
Mike Bowlin
Doug Bylund

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were presented for the Commission review and approval. It was moved by Beals and seconded by Leech to approve the minutes. Unanimous approval.

Public Consideration/Correspondence

None

Consent Items

In packet

Support Group Reports

Sustainability Committee: Beals reported that the High School was looking into a rechargeable battery drop off. The group was also going to check into adding a new recycling facility, however, it was brought to the groups attention that rural recycling was available now in two temporary facilities by the county building.

Trees: No report, meeting scheduled for following day.

Park Friends: Dyer reported they had started their membership drive. A Park Friends dinner would be at the Village March 28 with an owl program given by the WCCB.

FIT: Hagener reported they are checking into putting up a sign like the Carlisle sign with information regarding Indianola. They discussed their budget and how to enhance awareness for trails.

Department Heads Report

The FY15 Budget Workshop was passed out and there was a discussion by Eric Hansen and Chris Desplanques on the current state of the city budget. There was discussion on how to correct overspending by raising taxes or making department cuts. Hansen mentioned many times cuts to non safety departments are more severe. Members discussed how Park and Recreation is a public safety issue in that if the parks are kept up and there are activities for the kids you are less likely to have adverse behavior. Decisions for the budget will be made mid February and members were encouraged to give their opinion to the current city council members.

Council Reports

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 19, 2014 at the Activity Center at 5:00pm

It was moved by Hagener and seconded by Leech to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Leech