

Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, June 11 at 5:00 pm at Barker Park. Those present were:

Roger Netsch
Cyd Dyer
Jennifer Leech
Laura Beals
John Hagener
Al Farris

Also present were: Mike Bowlin
 Doug Bylund

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Al Farris attending the meeting bringing up some concerns about Pickard Park. He would like the board to look into changing the hay harvest contract for Pickard Park. He wants to see the first harvest to happen no earlier than July 1 to protect nesting birds. He cited City Ordinance 55.07. He would also like the board to consider taking out a small area that is currently being harvested to set aside as a native prairie area, that would help develop a nectaring area for pollinators. He believes this would enhance the value as a park. His third concern was that we keep a closer eye on the contract and the number of harvests taken from the park.

Consent Items

In packet

Support Group Reports

Sustainability Committee: Leech reported there will be a meeting on July 8 at the YMCA.

Trees: No report

Park Friends: Dyer reported Denelsky Discovery Day will be June 21 from 1-4. They will have crafts, snacks and gifts. The Garden Party is set for September 4 with the fountain dedication at that time.

FIT: Hagener reported they had 60 participants for the Bike Ride Across Warren County and raised \$4500.00. There will be a bike ride this Monday, June 16 starting at Canoe Outfitters and riding to Banner with a meeting at 7:45 at the Outside Scoop.

Department Heads Report

Parks: They are playing catch up with their missing staff. There are some irrigations issues due to the cold weather this winter.

Recreation: All summer programs have started, and softball is winding down. The pool has some under drain issues and leaks. Numbers in recreation are down 15%, Wellness down 47% and Aquatics are down too with opening of the new YMCA. The rest of the programs seem to be steady.

Council Reports

None

Commission Member Comments, Reports

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 9 , 2014 at Pickard Park at 5:00pm

It was moved by Leech and seconded by Hagner to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Leech