

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 5:05 pm at the Activity Center. Those present were:

Roger Netsch
Jessica Guthrie
Joel Hoger

Also present were:

Doug Bylund
Jeff Lucas
Al Farris

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Al Farris addressed the Commission concerning the Hay contract at Pickard Park. He would like the Commission to consider not mowing the hay area once the contract expires at the end of 2018. Those areas could then be planted with native prairie species benefiting birds, insects and other wildlife as well as providing educational experiences for all ages.

Consent Items

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

Approve Agenda
April 12, 2017 Minutes
Activity Center Financial Report
Special Revenue Financial Report

Support Group Reports

Sustainability Report: The Committee will meet on May 17.

Tree Committee:

Indianola Park Friends: Bylund reported the Park Friends will make their annual presentation to the City Council on May 15 as well as requesting the use of Buxton Park for the Annual Garden Party. Park Friends received word they were successful on the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership grant request of \$5,000 for benches at the Greenhouse.

Friends of Indianola Trails:

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- A resolution was presented from Indianola Park Friends for the use of Buxton Park for the Annual Garden Party which also allows the use of wine and craft beers at the Park for the event. The resolution was passed unanimously following a motion by Netsch and 2nd by Guthrie.
- Following a request from a neighbor of the Trail north of Iowa Avenue to remove a downed tree, the Trail Maintenance procedures were discussed. The section of the Summerset Trail in the city limits is owned by Warren County and is covered by the Summerset Trail Maintenance Agreement between the City and County. Staff reviewed the agreement with Jim Priebe from Warren County and they are satisfied with the current agreement. It is the recommendation of the Commission and staff to continue the current practices of trail maintenance.
- As a part of the preceding request and as a result of areas of standing water along the trail, mosquito control options were researched. It was the consensus of the Commission to not work towards mosquito treatments at this time in lieu of the water drainage study being performed by Snyder & Associates.
- Kiwanis Club of Indianola will be competing for a grant to install 2 wheelchair accessible playground features in Moats Park. There will be a two week public voting campaign at the end of May and if successful, the new playground features could be installed in October 2018.

Recreation:

- Adult and Youth Softball Leagues are in full swing as well as weekend tournaments at Pickard Park.
- Preparations for the Aquatic Center continue, The small pool repairs are complete and water in in both pools and the piping system are in good working order.
- We have received a grant from WCPP for \$5,000 to help with purchase of a new toddler slide to be installed in July.
- Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet will be held Thursday, May 18.

Parks:

- The contract for the greenhouse and installation were approved by City Council on May 1. The installation will begin after July to be completed for the upcoming growing season.
- We will begin the removal of 65 ash trees the week of May 15. 11 in Dayton Park, 7 in Memorial Park, 6 in McCord Park, 8 in Moats Park and 33 in Pickard Park.

- The Median project installation permits have been approved by Iowa D.O.T. The pre-construction meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11.
- The two creek crossings that were repaired in the fall of 2016 were damaged over the weekend of April 15. The replacement culverts were funded with FEMA funds and the Fire Chief has taken the lead role with emergency projects and has contacted the FEMA representatives to inquire about repairs.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Memorial Park Shelter at 5:00 pm.

It was moved by Guthrie and seconded by Hoger to adjourn at 6:10 pm.