

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:000 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Drew Brazie
Chris Goodale
Joel Hoger
Kathy Turnball
Kate Walton

Also present were:

Doug Bylund
Al Farris

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Al Farris spoke about the importance of providing input for the City's update to the Comprehensive Plan. There will be an Open House on October 22 at the YMCA. Commission Members are encouraged to provide comments and input at the Elevate Indianola Website.

Consent Items

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

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Support Group Reports

Tree Committee: The next meeting is October 24.

Indianola Park Friends: Park Friends is looking into providing ice skates for the Outdoor Ice Rink and/or the possibility of a skate drive in conjunction with a skating clinic. They are also discussing heading a fundraising effort to replace the fountain and Gazebo at Buxton Park.

Friends of Indianola Trails: no report

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- Jerry Kelley Trail Project
 - The final section of the trail along West Euclid was finished on Wednesday, October 9. Grading of the final area and seeding of the entire project still needs to be completed.
- East Hillcrest Trail Connector
 - The trail has been paved and is open to the public. Seeding needs to be finished.
- The New Shade Canopy has been installed at Pickard Park. The fabric will be removed at the end of the season and then replaced each spring. Thanks to the Indianola Community Foundation for providing \$2,300 for this project.
- Two Commission Members have terms expiring at the end of the year. Joel Hoger and Drew Brazie have expressed interest in begin re-nominated by the Mayor and Council.

Recreation:

- The next I-Magazine will be mailed out at the end of September for events from October through December.
- The annual Children's Costume Party will be held on the Square on Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. All the activities will be held on the 4 sides of the street with the courthouse lawn being unavailable due to the courthouse demolition.
- Textcaster will be a new service replacing the Remind App. Remind has changed their policies and will no longer be a free application for texting cancellation and program information and also has limited the size of our text lists. The new service with Textcaster will allow for multiple classes with unlimited class sizes.

Parks:

- The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held for the Children's Interactive Garden at Buxton Park on Saturday, October 5.
- A motion was made by Turnball and 2nd by Walton to accept the low bid of \$68,769.52 for the Parks Utility Tractor from Van Wall John Deere in Indianola. Unanimous approval.
- A motion was made by Walton and 2nd by Brazie to accept the low bid of \$19,600 for removal of Ash Trees from Knutson Tree Service of Winterset. Unanimous approval.
- The new Parks Dump Truck has been delivered. This is a replacement of the 2003 Dump Truck that our staff uses for year round maintenance of the parks and trails.
- The winterization of parks will begin the week of October 14. The restrooms will be closed and flowers will be removed from Buxton and Sesquicentennial Parks along with the Square planters and baskets and other city flower beds. The median fall maintenance is scheduled for November 12.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

- Goodale was contacted about the consumption of alcohol at Pickard Park for adult softball. Beer is not sold at the park and players and visitors bring their own which is

allowed by park rules. Bylund will review with the Recreation Staff as well as with the police department.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Indianola Activity Center at 5:00 pm.

It was moved by Turnball and seconded by Walton to adjourn at 5:50 pm.