

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 5:05 pm at the Activity Center. Those present were:

John Hagener
Cyd Dyer
Jonathan Anderson
Laura Beals
Roger Netsch

Also present were:

Doug Bylund
Jeff Lucas
Mike Bowlin

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Members of Girl Scout Troop 571 presented a concept plan for 2 “Chill Boxes” to be placed on the McVay Trail. Similar to the “Little Lending Libraries”, the boxes will contain bottled water, first aid supplies, and books that can be used for youth with riding along the trail. The Scout Troop will install the boxes in the spring and monitor and maintain the boxes. A motion was made by Dyer and 2nd by Netsch, unanimous approval.

Consent Items

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

Approve Agenda
November 9, 2016 Minutes
Activity Center Financial Report
Special Revenue Financial Report

Support Group Reports

Sustainability Report: Planning continues for Sustainability Fair in April.

Tree Committee:

Indianola Park Friends:

Friends of Indianola Trails: A meeting is taking place with Warren County Supervisors on December 14 concerning the possible relocation of a 2 mile section of the Great Western Trail.

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- The FY 2017/18 city budget process is underway. As a part of the process, we have presented a list of budget savings, department accomplishments and key priorities moving forward.
- Doug Bylund presented John Hagener and Jon Anderson plaques for their service to the Parks and Recreation Commission. It is expected the Mayor will appoint 3 new members prior to the January Meeting.

Recreation:

- Becky Lane will assume the role as full time Recreation Coordinator effective December 25, 2016.
- The new I-Magazine will be mailed out at the end of December. Thanks to staff for providing a wide variety of activities and new programs.

Parks:

- Christmas Decorations have been installed
- Snow equipment is prepared
- Pickard Hay Contract. As there has been a public request to require the hay to not be mowed until after July 15 each year. Staff recommendation has been to honor the contract as stated which allows the hay to be harvested without restrictions on date. Al Farris has provided the commission an addendum describing the observed birds and insects in Pickard with their nesting seasons. Staff and the Commission will evaluate the hay contract along with the request made by City Council to determine areas of park land that may be better served to be turned over to more native prairie.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the Activity Center at 5:00 pm.

It was moved by Dyer and seconded by Hagener to adjourn at 5:50 pm.