Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, April 8 at 5:00 pm at the Activity Center. Those present were:

Roger Netsch
Cyd Dyer
Jennifer Leech
Laura Beals
John Hagener
Jon Anderson

Also present were: Eric Hanson
Doug Bylund

Approval of Minutes
The minutes were presented for the Commission review and approval. It was moved by Dyer and seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes. Unanimous approval.

Public Consideration/Correspondence
Eric Hanson, City Manager met with the board and discussed his thoughts on the director position for the department. He says the department needs permanent direction and leadership and his preference is to move Doug Bylund into that position. There was discussion among the board and there was agreement that Doug would be a logical and good choice. The process to assign Bylund as director takes about 30 days.

Consent Items
In packet

Support Group Reports
Sustainability Committee: Lauren Graham spoke about how they became a 3 star community. Indianola is hoping to invest in this, this distinction gives leverage for community grants.

Trees: Discussed the Oak Savannah and how to get it prepared. Discussed upcoming plant sale April 24-25

Park Friends: Meeting Monday, April 13

FIT: They will be helping MYC with their annual Bike Fest

Department Heads Report
Discussed tabling the retreat until after summer.

Rec: There is mowing, training new hires, and the third tournament all taking place.Youth softball has started and adult softball entries are due next week. The Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt happened. Park and Recreation will have a table set up at the Healthy Kids day at the YMCA. Swimming lessons sign up and pool passes being sold. There was a motion by Netsch to appove summer staff, Hagner seconded and the motion passed.

Parks: Restrooms opening next week by April 15. Mowing has started. Dog park is looking at going forth with putting an electronic system on a new gate. There was another incident last week.

Council Reports

None

Commission Member Comments, Reports

no report

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 13, 2015 at the Activity Center at 5:00pm

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Beals to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Leech