

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

December 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm at The Indianola Activity Center. Commission Members present were:

Mike Baethke
Randy Bickham
Matt Garrett
Judy Pauley

Also present were:

Doug Bylund

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Consent Items

The consent agenda consisting of the following was approved on a motion by Baethke and second by Bickham, unanimous approval.

Approve Agenda
Approve November 12, 2025 Minutes

Support Group Reports

Tree Committee: No report

Friends of IWC: The groups has raised \$10,100 in donations. They have agreed to pay for the gym curtain controller – a donation of \$4,340. They had a presence at the Children’s Costume Party on the Square, They will be hosting an online store for clothing to raise funds. There is a specific area for their information at the IWC. They are looking at other revenue generation ideas and activities including assisting with IWC Community Day on Saturday, January 31.

Department Heads Reports

- The first draft of the P&R, Pool and IWC operational budgets for FY27 have been submitted. The City will receive property tax valuations from Warren County after the new year. The budget process will conclude at the end of March.
- Parks Report:
 - Staff has worked on several snow events.
 - KIB donated funds to purchase holiday lights around the square that were removed from the budget. Park staff installed and will remove in the spring.

- Recreation Report:
 - Staff assisted with Home for the Holidays, especially working with the Mayor’s Youth Council.
 - Thanks to volunteers from SHIP, 670 consultation appointments were held – a 25% increase over 2024.
 - The online I-Magazine will be available in mid-December for activities that occur from January through March.
- IWC Report:
 - The competition pool and recreation pool have experienced closures due to HVAC system failures. The most recent has been the competition pool that has been down since December 3. The parts are ordered and should be installed by the end of day December 12.
 - The gym curtain controller has been ordered thanks to the donation from the Friends of IWC.

Commission Member Comments

Judy Pauley suggested the Friends of IWC consider presenting a project to the 100 Women Who Care for a donation.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026: 6:00 p.m. Activity Center

It was moved by Baethke and seconded by Garrett to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Unanimous approval.