

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm at The Indianola Wellness Campus. Commission Members present were:

Mike Baethke
Randy Bickham
Glen Cowan
Matt Garrett

Also present were:

Doug Bylund
Diane Thomas

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Consent Items

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

Approve Agenda
Approve August 13, 2025 Minutes

Support Group Reports

Tree Committee: 29 half price trees were sold for Indianola Residents through the tree sale

Friends of IWC: The Board has been formed and they most recently revised the ByLaws.

Department Heads Reports

- Bylund presented the Parks and Recreation Annual Report for FY2025.
- Bylund presented the Veteran's Memorial Aquatic Center 2025 season report.
- Parks Report:
 - Park restrooms were closed the week of October 20.
 - Holiday decorations are being prepared and installed by Park Staff. IMU will be assisting with hanging wreaths along Highway 65/69.
- Recreation Report:
 - Donations are being collected for Helping Hand in collaboration with the Library. Items can be dropped off at the Library, IWC and Activity Center.
 - The Recreation Coordinator – Youth & Adult Programs has been reclassified to match the other 2 Recreation Coordinator positions. The position is now non-Union and will be tasked with operations of the Activity Center and supervise the Office Assistants.

- A motion was made by Cowan with a 2nd from Garrett to increase all recreation programs by 10% as well as the Dog Park Passes to \$30/year. Motion carried unanimously. The Memorial Building Commission will also consider a fee increase for programs, daily admissions and season passes in December.
- IWC Report:
 - Bylund reported on the restrictions of the public bonds that financed the construction of the IWC. There is a restriction that prevents private businesses or individuals from advertising or profiting from use of the building. This will prevent any advertising sponsorship and limit the use for rentals of the building.
 - We had 11 vendors submit proposals for janitorial services of the IWC. Cleaning Connections was the lowest bid and will begin services on January 1. The cleaning times have been reduced to Monday through Saturday late mornings and Sunday evenings.
 - A motion was made by Cowan and a 2nd by Garrett to set facility rental fees, add a senior day pass for \$8, extend holds from 4 to 6 months, and promotional sales events. Unanimous approval

Commission Member Comments

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2025: 6:00 p.m. Activity Center

It was moved by Baethke and seconded by Garrett to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Unanimous approval.