

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

June 2024 Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm at The Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Randy Bickham
Kerry Koonce
Kathy Turnball
Kate Walton

Also present were:

Doug Bylund
Steve Saylor – Indianola Wellness Campus
Bill and Tim Buxton – via Zoom
5 other community members

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Consent Items

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

Approve Agenda
Approve April 10, 2024 Minutes

Support Group Reports

Tree Committee: no report

Indianola Wellness Campus: Small pool is being repaired and painted – closed until early July. The Board is working to update policies for the facility.

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- Buxton Memorial Gazebo: Bill and Tim Buxton requested that the Buxton Park Gazebo be repaired to match the original construction. This includes replacing the roof and many of the fascia and trim boards, the entire structure will be cleaned thoroughly followed by multiple coats of exterior wood protectant to extend the life of the Gazebo. There is a quote from Haus Roofing of \$30,250. There is also a request from the Buxton Family to use local volunteer contractors to made the lumber repairs and then use a

roofing company to replace the cedar roof. They suggested the Buxton Family Endowment be used to pay for the portion of the repairs. A motion was made by Walton with a second by Bickham to recommend repairs be made to the Gazebo and request to the Indianola Community Foundation to use the Buxton Endowment Funds to pay for repairs to the Gazebo in addition to the \$5,000 in Parks funds budgeted for the repairs. Unanimous approval.

- Discussion was had on the vandalism of the Pickard Park Campground. There have been multiple occurrences of extra trash around the campground, visitors not paying the nightly reservation fee and damage to electrical outlets. The commission recommends staff monitor the usage and if needed, close the campground following the Disc Golf Tournament and the National Balloon Classic.
- Thanks to Kate Walton and Kerry Koonce for their service to the Commission. Their terms expire June 30, 2024.
- Recreation Report:
 - The Activity Center will be closed for Ragbrai on July 24.
 - Mayors Youth Council Bike Fest was very successful.
 - Staff has been busy with the opening of the Aquatic Center, Drive in Movies, Disc Golf preparations and collecting bids for the renovations of the Activity Center Exterior.
- Parks Report:
 - The City Council is continuing the process of approving the Parkland Dedication Ordinance. All three readings should be complete in July.
 - All seasonal positions are hired and they are working great.
 - Many thanks to the park crew for their work getting plantings made during the wet spring.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Activity Center

It was moved by Koonce and seconded by Walton to adjourn at 6:42 pm. Unanimous approval.