

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

March 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Randy Bickham
Joel Hoger
Kathy Turnball
Kate Walton

Also present were:

Doug Bylund

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Consent Items

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

Approve Agenda
Approve January 18, 2023 Minutes

Support Group Reports

Tree Committee: Looking to secure funding, MidAmerican Grant is Cut. Looking into NRCS Project and other ways to fund more tree planting. Planning underway for half priced trees in Fall of 2023. Possibly an upcoming tree planting at the Middle School.

Indianola Park Friends: At last meeting, agreed to contribute \$5,000 towards the Dog Park Grain Bin Shelter, contributed to the Buxton Park Yoga Area turf resurfacing, and Story Walk Funding. Membership letter is going out later in March.

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- Bylund reported that Becky Lane – Recreation Coordinator is planning to retire at the beginning of June. The position will be advertised in Early April with plans to have someone on board by June 1.
- A motion was made by Walton with a 2nd from Turnball to amend the Hammer Throw Agreement with Simpson College. Unanimous approval. The amendment will allow Simpson to move the Hammer Throw Ring to the north at the same section of Memorial Park.

- A motion was made by Walton with a 2nd from Turnball to allow wine in Buxton Park during the Art Festival on July 29 and 30. Motion carried unanimously.
- A discussion was held regarding adjusting the refunding of deposits for the Buxton Room at the Activity Center. Two requests for refunding deposits were made in February. The Commission did not recommend changing the policy towards keeping the deposits non-refundable.
- Bylund reported the Hillcrest Avenue and North Jefferson Way trail connections are proceeding. An RFP for the city's portion along North Jefferson Way is out now and bids are due March 28.
- Jerry Kelley Trail Phase 3 is on hold due to the city's financial questions relating to the Legislature changes and the expected cost of the project rising to double to the original cost.
- Bylund presented a concept for installation of a Grain Bin Shelter at the Dog Park. A motion was made by Hoger with a 2nd from Bickham to accept the presented project and the donations from Park Friends - \$5,000 and an anonymous donor - \$5,000 and use the remaining dog park funds in the 142 special revenue account for the remainder of the project. Motion carried unanimously.
- Bylund reported the Seasonal staff wages will be increased for the 2023 season. At the Aquatic Center, a \$1 fee increase and reduced weekend hours will cover the increased anticipated wages. Reduced concession hours, fees and increased concession prices will help offset the increased wages.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at the Activity Center at 6:00 pm.

It was moved by Walton and seconded by Hoger to adjourn at 6:45 pm.