

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

June 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Kerry Koonce
Kathy Turnball
Kate Walton

Also present were:

Doug Bylund
Tim Stanley
Diana Dhabolt

Public Consideration/Correspondence

- Tim Stanley presented a concept for Trail Workout Stations in 3 locations along the McVay Trail. A motion was made by Turnball and seconded by Koonce to approve installation of the 3 workout stations, unanimous approval.
- Diana Dhabolt, 810 South R Street spoke against the construction of the disc golf course in McCord Park. Her opposition was focused on the following:
 - Impact on animals – less are visiting her neighborhood
 - Ecological impact on the soil and environment
 - Concerns with noise from the disc golf players and park users
 - Overgrown brush and vegetation in the timber is not safe for participants
 - Increased trash in the park
 - Park users' dogs will disrupt the neighboring pets
 - There are homeless people using the timber

Consent Items

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

Approve Agenda
Approve May 11, 2022 Minutes

Support Group Reports

Tree Committee: No Updates.

Indianola Park Friends:

- Park Friends is assisting with funding for 2 new diggers in the Children's Garden at Buxton Park.

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- A motion was made by Turnball with a 2nd from Koonce to temporarily suspend the ordinance and allow wine sales at Buxton Park during the Arts Festival on Saturday, July 30, unanimous approval.
- A motion was made by Turnball with a 2nd from Koonce to approve a request from Indianola Rotary for a sign at the Peace Garden at McCord Park, unanimous approval.
- Bylund discussed a concept for a Community Garden and a partnership with Iowa State Extension. 3 locations were discussed, DeNelsky Park, South Park and behind the Activity Center. Commission's direction was to consider the location at the Activity Center.

Recreation:

- I next issue of the I-Magazine will be mailed the last week of June for activities that run from July through September.

Parks:

- Maintenance has begun around the Square with the additional plantings around Phase 1 of the Streetscape Project.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

- Commission members have heard a few complaints about Bird Scooters. City staff is working with Bird Scooters staff to remedy the parking issues. Information has been shared on social media and will be included in the July I-Magazine.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at the Activity Center at 6:00 pm.

It was moved by Turnball and seconded by Koonce to adjourn at 7:05 pm.