

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

November 2021 Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Drew Brazie
Joel Hoger
Kerry Koonce
Kathy Turnbull (via zoom)

Also present were:

Doug Bylund
Earl Butler
Al Farris

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Al Farris spoke about the need to develop a maintenance plan for the Oak Savanna and unmowed areas of Pickard Park. There are invasive trees that need to be removed and an effort to introduce native prairie plants is needed. He would also like to see more resources allocated to the Parks Department for conservation efforts.

Earl Butler provided an update to the efforts to build the disc golf course at McCord Park. He has led a group of volunteers to clear the area for the first 2 holes and would like to purchase the baskets for installation next spring. They would also like to plant 4-5 trees in the south section of the park. The Rotary Club has expressed interest in making the course their 100 years of Rotary project and will be submitting a grant to assist with the construction costs and provide labor for the project.

Consent Items

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

Approve Agenda
Approve October 13, 2021 Minutes

Support Group Reports

Tree Committee: 43 trees were sold through the Shade Crusade. 8 trees were planted at the Middle School and Emerson School with funds from the DNR's Trees for Kids Grant.

Indianola Park Friends:

Friends of Indianola Trails:

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- The FY21 Annual Report was presented.
- The City Operational Budget preparations are underway. The preliminary expenses and revenues have been submitted. Once the tax revenue estimates are received in early January, the budget will then be finalized in January and February.
- Indianola Tour of Homes will be hosting the "Nights of Lights" at Pickard Park November 26-December 31 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Recreation:

- Programs – The Halloween Costume Party was held on The Square on Saturday, October 30. Over 500 people attended, over 30 volunteers and helped with activities and numerous businesses handed out candy or hosted activities.
- The Pickard Sports Complex activities have ended for the 2021 season. The total revenues for weekend tournaments was the highest since 2016.

Parks:

- Parks Winterization – All restrooms are closed, flower beds have been removed and the Hwy 65/69 medians have been winterized.
- Staff is working on tree trimming. Ash tree removals have begun.
- Moats Park Restroom – The sidewalks and trails have been poured, grading and seeding should be completed by mid-November.
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Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 8 at the Activity Center at 6:00 pm.

It was moved by Koonce and seconded by Brazie to adjourn at 6:55 pm.