

## Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

### February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm at The Indianola Activity Center. Commission Members present were:

Mike Baethke  
Randy Bickham  
Glen Cowan  
Judy Pauley

Also present were:

Doug Bylund  
Jake Meshke

#### *Public Consideration/Correspondence*

#### *Consent Items*

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

Approve Agenda  
Approve January 14, 2026 Minutes

#### *Support Group Reports*

**Tree Committee:** No report

**Friends of IWC:** There have been 485 new members in January, there were 205 in January 2025. Community Day was very successful, over \$800 in donations. The Friends held a free membership promotion: one random new member will receive one month's membership paid for by the Friends. There is an apparel store with 25% going to the Friends. They have multiple committees formed and will be applying for a Prairie Meadows Grant for the purchase of more fitness equipment.

#### *Department Heads Reports*

- City Manager Jake Meshke led discussion pertaining to the City's FY27 general fund budget and the reductions city wide. This is currently just proposed and will be discussed at City Council meetings in February, March and April with the formal budget adoption scheduled for April 20.
- Bylund presented the staff reductions and corresponding re-alignment of operations.
  - The IWC Aquatics Coordinator, Member Service Coordinator, and the Sports Complex Concession Manager will be eliminated.

- There will be a 75% reduction in hours for part time Member Services at the IWC, a 41% reduction in seasonal hours at the Pickard Sports Complex and an 8% reduction in hours for park seasonal staff.
- The Parks and Recreation main office will be relocated to the IWC.
- The P&R Office Assistant and PR and IWC Full Time Staff will staff the IWC desk from 8am-5pm. There will be a reduction to one staff member outside those hours.
- IWC and P&R Software will be combined
- The IWC front door/membership access will be implemented to expand access after hours.
- Reducing contract mowing to 26 from 29.
- Youth and Adult programming will be reduced if partnership arrangements are not put into place including reassigning or eliminating special events.
- There will be an increase in fees for programs and facility rentals for cost recovery. IWC membership fees will not be increased.
- Other budget impacts or modifications:
  - There will be an addition of Hotel/Motel Tax to support the IWC capital improvements.
  - There will be a transfer from the IWC Operations to the City's General Fund for Facilities, Clerk, IT and HR.
  - The replacement of up to \$2.5 million for IWC HVAC, pool and facility repairs and replacements utilizing T.I.F. from the Hillcrest Urban Renewal District.
  - Replacement of all weight and fitness equipment over a 4 year span.
- Parks:
  - Tree trimming continues, preparations for spring/summer equipment and starting the greenhouse operations are underway.
- Recreation:
- IWC Report:
  - A motion was made by Bickham with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pauley to waive the Joiner Fee for 6 months for current members that drop their membership. This will eliminate holds and allow members to cancel their membership one day prior to their automatic payment. Unanimous approval.

### *Commission Member Comments*

Baethke added that the IWC staff has been working with several discipline issues and are working towards developing a discipline log and reporting system to communicate with members who are not following the facility policies.

### *Next Meeting*

Wednesday, March 11, 2026: 6:00 p.m. Activity Center

It was moved by Baethke and seconded by Cowan to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Unanimous approval.