

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Drew Brazie
Joel Hoyer
Kerry Koonce
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 Brazie, unanimous approval.

Approve Agenda
Approve April 21, 2021 Minutes

Support Group Reports

Tree Committee: The committee is looking to a fall tree sale. There is a tree planting scheduled at the Middle School for Earth Day.

Indianola Park Friends: Park Friends will be delivering plant sale orders for Park Friends members on April 29. Supporting the Nature Scape & Playground and Pickard Park Oak Savanna. Park Friends would like to partner with the Tree Committee for development of the Oak Savanna and Nature Scape.

Friends of Indianola Trails:

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- Simpson College and Hy-Vee teamed up to offer a vaccination clinic at Memorial Park scheduled for April 7. Unfortunately, the forecast for that afternoon called for thunderstorms and the event was moved indoors.
- There was a joint presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning & Zoning Commission on April 13 regarding proposed changes to the Bicycle code and the addition of Micro-mobility vehicles to the city code. The City Council will consider the changes at the next 3 City Council Meetings.
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- Policy Updates were presented as a result of the fee structure changes that were approved in January. A motion was made by Turnbull with a 2nd from Koonce to make the policy changes presented. The motion carried by a voice vote of 5-0.
- The Hometown Pride Committee presented a plan to install directional signs in parks for nearby parks, school playgrounds, and city gathering places. The Committee will apply for a Warren County Philanthropic Partnership Grant for the purchase of the signs and the group would work to install the signs. A motion was made by Hoger with a 2nd from Walton to support the Hometown Pride Committee placing directional signs in parks. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

Recreation:

- Recreation program planning continues to focus on how to hold programs in person with restrictions in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Youth and adult softball will begin in early April and many programs will start registrations once the new magazine is mailed in late March.
- The April edition of the I-Magazine will be mailed the last week of March. Kathy Kester has taken over the design of the entire magazine. This will be the first edition that has been mailed since April 2020.
- The Memorial Building Commission has prepared opening guidelines for the 2021 Pool Season. The recommendations were presented to the Commission at this meeting and will be presented to the City Council on March 23.

Parks:

- Park Winterization
 - The Parks Crew has been busy with several snow events the past few months.
 - The street Ash Tree removal project has been completed for this year. There will be another round of street Ash Trees to remove in 2021. Tree trimming along the trail has been taking place when not working on snow.
 - Several projects have recently had bids collected. The Parks Plow Truck, Highway 92 Trees Planting and Youth Softball Irrigation have come in lower than estimated and will be completed this spring. The Mowing Bids are due March 24 and will be taken to Council for approval on April 5.
 - The Moats Park Restroom bid was \$19,500 higher than estimated and there will be a public hearing at the March 23 City Council Meeting. The plan is to use funds from the Parks Special Revenue Account 142 for the costs that exceed the budgeted amount.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at the Indianola Activity Center at 6:00 pm. Meeting may be moved to a Zoom meeting if needed.

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