

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Drew Brazie
Joel Hoger
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
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Support Group Reports

Sustainability Report: No report

Tree Committee: The committee is focused on adding more trees to the Oak Savanna at Pickard Park.

Indianola Park Friends: The Park Friends met to prioritize for the upcoming year's activities and are working to prepare for the Member Pre-Plant Sale in April. They are also working to hold a family event at the Amphitheater. Also committed \$5,000 for the Children's Garden at Buxton Park.

Friends of Indianola Trails: No report

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- A motion was made by Walton and 2nd by Turnball to appoint Joel Hoger as the Commission Chair, vote was 5-0 in favor.
- A motion was made by Walton and 2nd by Koonce to appoint Drew Brazie as the Commission Vice Chair, vote was 5-0 in favor.
- A motion was made by Walton and 2nd by Koonce for the following appointments for Support Group Representatives, vote was 5-0 in favor.
 - Trees Committee: Joel Hoger
 - Indianola Park Friends: Kate Walton
 - Friends of Indianola Trails: Kerry Koonce
- The Ice Rink still continues to be closed as the ice continues to not be thick enough due to the warm temperatures. In fact, all the ice had been melted on January 8. WHOTV ran a story on the warm weather impact on local ice rinks and highlighted our rink. Some repairs to the liner have been made in order to keep the water level high enough once the cold temperatures return.
- The final plans will be submitted for the Jerry Kelley Trail Phase 2 with an anticipated Bid Letting for March 19, 2019.
- A request was made from the Indianola Chamber of Commerce to use Memorial Park and the Memorial Park Amphitheater for the Friday Night Live Concert Series, June 7, 28, and July 12, 2019. A motion was made by Hoger and 2nd by Brazie to accept the request and recommend to the City Council to suspend enforcement of Indianola Code 47.01(11) regarding the sale of beer and wine coolers in city parks for those 3 events. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Recreation:

- The newest I-Magazine was mailed out the final week of December. New activities include Mother/Son Night O Fun, Pickard Cocoa Classic, Trails Safety, Senior Bags League and Lunch Series.
- Staff has secured a \$500 sponsorship from Wells Fargo Bank for the Indoor Playground.
- Hiring has begun for the Aquatic Center, Pickard Softball Complex workers and seasonal park positions.

Parks:

- Park Technician I position – Joe Holladay has been hired. He had been working in the Street Department
- The Parks Staff removed the Holiday decoration around the city with the assistance of IMU.
- Ash Tree Removal – The removal of 57 ash trees has finished.
- There has been a request from the City Council to research the costs of installing Pickleball Courts and how an increase of \$15,000 in funding could be used to increase the number of trees planted in the parks.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the Indianola Activity Center at 5:00 pm.

It was moved by Walton and seconded by Koonce to adjourn at 5:45 pm.