

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Drew Brazie
Joel Hoger – via zoom
Kerry Koonce
Kathy Turnball
Kate Walton – via zoom

Also present were:
Doug Bylund

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Consent Items

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

Approve Agenda
Approve December 9, 2020 Minutes

Support Group Reports

Tree Committee:

Indianola Park Friends: Park Friends is looking to regroup. Working on a membership letter and possibly expanding their Board. Looking to possibly assist with improvements to the Oak Savanna at Pickard Park and particularly a Nature Playscape.

Friends of Indianola Trails:

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- Staff continues to monitor the Indianola(50125) COVID-19 positivity rate and total number of positive tests in the zip code. Currently the numbers have been rising but in

preparation for the decline, the following motion was made by Koonce, 2nd by Turnball – The Commission supports a modified re-opening plan for Parks and Recreation Facilities and programs including the continuation of the closure of the Activity Center except by appointment and a suspension of indoor programs. At the same time, the continuation of indoor sports programs should take place with restrictions to limit the spread of COVID-19. Motion passed 5-0.

- The Trail Master Plan was presented to City Council and they passed a resolution to adopt the plan at the December 21, 2020 Council Meeting.
- A list of facility and program fees was presented by staff with a recommendation for a 20% increase of facility and program fees to cover more of the administration and staff costs, with a limit of \$25 for higher priced programs such as Adult Softball Leagues. A motion was made by Hoger, 2nd from Koonce to approve the facility and program fees.

Recreation:

- Recreation program planning continues to focus on virtual events as well as encouraging residents to keep active outdoors. Restrictions are in place for youth basketball that will limit the number of spectators, but still allow for the start of the league.
- The January edition of the I-Magazine is available online. A postcard was sent to all 50125 zip codes with the QR code link to the online version.

Parks:

- Park Winterization
 - The Ice Rink has been open as weather allows since just after the new year. Warm temps, rain and snow have closed the rink currently.
 - The Street Ash Tree Removal project has begun.
 - Staff met with engineers from Snyder & Associates at Moats Park to review the restroom replacement project. Bid Requests will be sent out in February and once the project has been approved by Council, we will work with the contractor to set a construction timeline and begin notifying the public. The anticipated completion date for this project in the middle of June.
 - Other Capital Projects planning underway include a replacement for the 2006 F250 Plow Truck and the infield irrigation of fields 5&6 at Pickard Park. Both those projects have RFP's that are due in February.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 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 6:35 pm.