

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Jessica Guthrie
Joel Hoger
Roger Netsch
Kate Walton
Colleen Willmott

Also present were:

Doug Bylund
Mike Bowlin
Jeff Lucas
Grace Jakes
Al Farris

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Grace Jakes asked the Commission if there was a location for a pollinator garden to be planted in a City Park. The 4-H club would plant and maintain the garden. Parks staff would need to kill the grass and then till the area for preparation to plant. Staff have suggested a location in Memorial Park. A motion was made by Guthrie and 2nd by Hoger to allow park staff to work with the 4-H club to allow the club to plant a pollinator garden in Memorial Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Al Farris spoke in support of creating ordinances that require additions of parks and trails as the city grows. He suggested the Commission be sure to be involved in the upcoming City of Indianola Comprehensive Plan Update.

Consent Items

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

Approve Agenda
March 14, 2018 Minutes
Activity Center Financial Report
Special Revenue Financial Report

Support Group Reports

Sustainability Report: The Sustainability Fair was held April 7 with 284 in attendance. They met to evaluate the event and would like to see the Parks and Recreation Department attend the 2019 fair.

Tree Committee:

Indianola Park Friends: The Greenhouse Celebration is Thursday, April 26. Currently involved in the membership drive.

Friends of Indianola Trails: No meeting

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- The FY 2019 budget was approved by City Council on March 5.
- The Activity Center roof restoration will be completed once the weather warms up.
- Construction of the concession/storage building at Pickard Park re-started the week of April 3. It is anticipated the building will be finished by June 1.
- An update was given about the new Indianola Hometown Pride Committee.
- The following revisions to department policies were adopted:
 - Trail Maintenance Policy – motion by Walton, 2nd by Hoger, unanimous approval
 - Mosquito Policy – motion by Hoger, 2nd by Walton, unanimous approval
 - Additional Alcohol Deposit for Conference and Arts/Crafts Rooms – motion by Guthrie, 2nd by Willmont, unanimous approval
- Discussion was held regarding advertising banners and allowing wineries. It was the desire of the Commission to not allow wineries as we do not allow businesses with beer or alcohol sales as their main amount of sales.

Recreation:

- The spring I-magazine was mailed out by April 1
- Early Bird Pool pass sales begins April 1. The 20% discount will continue through April 20.
- Hiring for the Aquatic Center and Pickard Concessions staff is nearly complete.

Parks:

- Park shelters and restrooms are scheduled to be open April 15. With the colder than average temperatures, staff will monitor the forecast and possibly delay the openings of the restrooms and turning on the water to parks.

- The Beautification Blowout is Saturday, April 21. Nearly 100 people are signed up to help clean up parks and trails.
- The Highway 65/69 Median Concrete Perimeter RFP has been posted and bids are due May 1.
- The Plant Sale at the Greenhouse will be April 26-27.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 16 at the Activity Center at 5:00 pm.

It was moved by Willmont and seconded by Hoger to adjourn at 5:50 pm.