

# Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom Conference Call. Those present were:

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 Koonce and seconded by Walton, unanimous approval.

Approve Agenda

### *Support Group Reports*

#### **Tree Committee:**

**Indianola Park Friends:** Park Friends will be meeting July 6 to review the presentation for the Buxton Park Pavilion Project. The design committee will be looking to present this plan to stakeholders throughout the community to build support for the project. They plan to present to the Commission at the July meeting.

#### **Friends of Indianola Trails:**

### *Department Heads Reports*

#### **Director:**

- Staff presented a request to include an off-street trail connection from Buxton Park to the Square. As a part of the new Streetscape plan for the Square area, we will look to incorporate this as a part of the connection between Simpson College and the Square.

- The Hometown Pride Committee will submit the application for Iowa Great Places designation. This designation could be used in the future for grant funding for park improvements and additions of arts and entertainment projects around the community.

#### **Recreation:**

- Recreation staff are working through each program to determine when they can begin and the changes that will need to be in place for each. Adult Softball Leagues will begin next week. Yoga in the Park will tentatively begin June 20. Even though the Bike Fest was cancelled, staff scheduled a give-a-way for Bike Helmets that were donated by Blank Children's Hospital. Following a post on our Facebook page, we had over 90 children receive a free bike helmet at a drive-through event on Saturday, June 6.
- Activity Center Re-opening – The Governor has allowed Senior Centers to re-open June 12. Staff has been developing the plans for opening the building with reductions in programs, limited hours in order to maintain social distancing and increase the level of daily disinfecting.
- The July I-Magazine will not be mailed out, instead the issue will be available on the website and each resident will be mailed a letter explaining the temporary change.

#### **Parks:**

- The restrooms, playgrounds, skatepark, ballfields and all park areas have been allowed to re-open as of June 2. Signage has been placed at these locations reminding people how they can help limit the spread of COVID-19.
- Delivery of the Parks utility vehicle and utility tractor have been delayed from the factory due to shutdowns. These were ordered in early March.

#### *Commission Member Comments, Reports*

#### *Next Meeting*

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at the Indianola Activity Center at 5:00 pm. Meeting may be moved to a Zoom meeting if needed.

It was moved by Turnball and seconded by Koonce to adjourn at 5:30 pm.