

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

July 2021 Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Drew Brazie
Joel Hoger
Kathy Turnball
Kate Walton

Also present were:

Doug Bylund
Al Farris

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
Approve June 23, 2021 Minutes

Support Group Reports

Tree Committee:

Indianola Park Friends: The next meeting is scheduled for July 26.

Friends of Indianola Trails:

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- Knotfest will be Saturday, September 25. The organizers have reached out to see if Pickard could be a possible parking location. Staff will work to determine how much of the park could be used. The Commission expressed interest in the Organizers donating proceeds to Park Friends on top of the rental rates if determined.

- The Disc Golf Pro Tour event was held July 9-11. It was a huge success and the Des Moines Disc Golf Club is working on securing the same weekend in 2022 for a yearly Pro Tour Event.
- Bird Scooters Launch – The company is working to have scooters available in the coming days. They will be available on the Bird app.
- Fox Run Plat 2 – The agreement for the possible parkland donation has yet to be presented to the City Council.
- Hillcrest & Hwy 65 Trail Connections – There is a possible development that could help to construct the trail around the corner of Hillcrest and Hwy 65. The COVID Relief Trail Grants will also be announced by August 15, which we submitted an application in May, 2021.

Recreation:

- Programs – Upcoming events include: Balloon Camp, Outdoor Concerts at the Activity Center, 2 outdoor movies, Flag Football Leagues, T-Ball Leagues and weekend tournaments continue.
- The latest edition of the I-Magazine was mailed on July 1.
- Des Moines Metro Opera – Staff assisted by providing the outdoor movie screen for three showings of the DMMO. Unfortunately, two of the three nights were rained out, but the July 13 showing was a success.

Parks:

- Moats Park Restroom – removal of the restroom will begin this week, with anticipated delivery of the new restroom within three weeks.
- Pickard Disc Golf Improvements – The Des Moines Disc Golf Club and their volunteers have spent hundred of hours making course improvements in preparation for the Disc Golf Pro Tour Tournament.
- Skate Park Graffiti Policy – A motion was made by Walton, 2nd by Turnball to modify the Park Policies to allow for graffiti art on vertical walls inside the Skate Park Fence. The motion carried 4-0.
- Park Directional Signs – The Warren County Philanthropic Partnership has awarded the grant to Indianola Hometown Pride for Park Directional Signs. Staff will work with the HP Committee to develop the locations for each sign and present to the Commission in a future meeting.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the Moats Park Shelter at 6:00 pm.

It was moved by Walton and seconded by Brazie to adjourn at 6:50 pm.