

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2018 at 5:05 pm at the Pickard Park Concession Stand. Those present were:

Drew Brazie
Joel Hoger
Roger Netsch
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 Hoger and seconded by Walton, unanimous approval.

Approve Agenda
June 13, 2018, 2018 Minutes
Special Revenue Financial Report

Support Group Reports

Sustainability Report:

Tree Committee: Did not meet

Indianola Park Friends: The annual meeting was held. This is a rebuilding year after the large financial support towards the greenhouse. They are looking at other ideas for events and smaller projects to assist with the park system.

Friends of Indianola Trails: The re-organization meeting will be held Thursday, August 9 at 7:00 pm at the Activity Center.

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- Bylund presented the plan to hire 2 Recreation Coordinators, one Aquatics/Special Events and the other Sports/Fitness. The positions have been advertised and the deadline is August 17
- With the departure of Mike Bowlin as Recreation Superintendent, staff is in the process of evaluating the park staffing levels.
- The final summary for the FY 2017-18 budget was presented
- The Iowa Wild is interested in donating a 40 feet X 60 feet Ice Hockey Rink. A possibly location TBD depending on utilities and evaluating the best location for services such as parking and lighting. A motion to accept the Ice Rink Donation was made by Netsch and 2nd by Walton to approve the donation. Unanimous approval.
- There was a complaint from a visitor to the Balloon Classic about the lack of tent camping in Indianola and the park system. Tent Camping is not allowed at Pickard or any of the parks. Staff will be evaluating this policy and researching other city operated camping facilities.

Recreation:

- Summer programs are winding down. A very successful Hot Air Balloon Camp just finished up. Adult softball began August 2nd and Youth Flag Football Leagues will be starting up soon.
- Weekend softball tournaments will be starting up again the weekend of August 18.

Parks:

- The storm on June 28 destroyed over 30 trees in the park system and the park staff spent 3 straight weeks cleaning up parks and removing trees. Sections of fences at Dayton Park and the Dog Park were destroyed. There is the possibility of an emergency declaration that would lead to reimbursement for much of the staff costs and repairs made.
- Plans are underway for a children's garden in Buxton Park. The family of Lynn Cooper is seeking approval for a donation of \$10,000 to go towards the Children's Garden. Motion by Walton, 2nd by Brazie to accept the donation and work towards creating the children's garden plan in Buxton Park. Unanimous approval
- Following the meeting, the Commission will tour the Pickard Park Concession/Storage Building and the Greenhouse.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 12 at the Indianola Activity Center at 5:00 pm.

It was moved by Netsch and seconded by Brazie to adjourn at 5:46 pm.