

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5:000 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Chris Goodale
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 Goodale and seconded by Koonce, unanimous approval.

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Support Group Reports

Sustainability Report: No Report

Tree Committee: The tree committee is offering \$25 gift certificates towards the purchase of a tree to residents. This program will be available for purchasing trees through the end of October.

Indianola Park Friends: Park Friends has been helping to fund the improvements to the Children's Garden at Buxton Park. Next meeting will be to discuss future projects in the park system.

Friends of Indianola Trails: no report

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- Jerry Kelley Trail Project
 - The majority of the paving has been completed. The last section of paving along W. Euclid is being delayed due the installation of a retaining wall. Construction of the retaining wall is scheduled to begin the week of September 16. The bike sharrows and signage are expected to be installed by September 13. The seeding contractor is planning to begin seeding the week of September 16 as well.
- East Hillcrest Trail Connector
 - Utility relocation has been started and the grading and culvert work is expected to begin later this week. Weather permitting, the paving is expected to take place the week of September 16.
- A motion was made by Walton and 2nd by Koonce to accept the revisions to the Special Events in Parks Policy. Unanimous approval.
- A motion was made by Walton and 2nd by Turnball to accept the revisions to the Amphitheater Reservations Policy. Unanimous approval.
- A motion was made by Turnball and 2nd by Goodale to accept The Service Animal Policy for the Activity Center. Unanimous approval.
- A motion was made by Koonce and 2nd by Walton to approve the janitorial contract for cleaning of the Activity Center with Reliable Maintenance Company. Unanimous approval.

Recreation:

- The next I-Magazine will be mailed out at the end of September for events from October through December.

Parks:

- The installation of the Kiwanis/Rotary Inclusive Playground is complete at Pickard Park. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony held on Tuesday, August 6.
- Ragbraii was a success for the park system. Official campgrounds were held at Buxton, Moats, Barker and Pickard Parks, with the other parks serving as camp sites for many visitors. Pickard Park also served as a RV Dump station with the assistance of the Water Pollution Control Department.
- The installation of the Buxton Children's Interactive Garden is nearly complete. There is a Ribbon Cutting ceremony scheduled for Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m.
- Three temporary Pickleball Courts have been installed at the YMCA Parking Lot. These are available to anyone and do not require YMCA membership. The courts are removable and will be removed prior to the winter season to make room for snow removal efforts.
- A motion was made by Hoger and 2nd by Walton to install the Ice Rink to the South of the Middle School pending school approval, with the 2nd choice of Moats Park if the school does not approve. Unanimous approval.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

- With an inquiry from the Commission about the future of the YMCA, Bylund reported the Greater Des Moines YMCA has confirmed their desire to operate the facility. According to the agreement, the YMCA would need to provide 2 years notice if they no longer want to operate the facility.
- Walton inquired about the use of Moats Park by Victory Christian Academy. With their use of the park, can they assist with the future improvements to the park and also spring and fall clean-up of the park.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at the Indianola Activity Center at 5:00 pm.

It was moved by Turnball and seconded by Koonce to adjourn at 6:35 pm.