

# Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Drew Brazie – via zoom  
Joel Hoyer  
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 Brazie, unanimous approval.

Approve Agenda  
Approve January 13, 2021 Minutes

### *Support Group Reports*

**Tree Committee:** The tree plant sale event will not be held this spring due to lack of nursery stock available. The Committee hopes to have a sale available in the fall of 2021.

**Indianola Park Friends:** Supporting the Nature Scape & Playground and Pickard Park Oak Savanna. The Park Friends would also like to investigate signage from the entrance of Pickard Park to raise awareness of the Oak Savanna and Nature Scape. They are currently in the fundraising and membership drive. The Plant Sale will take place via phone for Park Friends members April 12-15.

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

### *Department Heads Reports*

**Director:**

- Two COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics have been held at the Activity Center through Medicap Pharmacy.
- The FY22 budget was approved by the City Council on March 15. The budget summary was presented to the Commission.
- There will be a joint presentation regarding the update to the City Bicycle Code and the addition of Micro mobility devices such as E-Scooters and E-bicycles. The presentation from Mindy Moore with Snyder & Associates will be via zoom on Tuesday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m.
- Policy Updates were presented as a result of the fee structure changes that were approved in January. A motion was made by Turnball with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Koonce to make the policy changes presented. The motion carried by a voice vote of 5-0.
- The Hometown Pride Committee presented a plan to install directional signs in parks for nearby parks, school playgrounds, and city gathering places. The Committee will apply for a Warren County Philanthropic Partnership Grant for the purchase of the signs and the group would work to install the signs. A motion was made by Hoger with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Walton to support the Hometown Pride Committee placing directional signs in parks. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

**Recreation:**

- Recreation program planning continues to focus on how to hold programs in person with restrictions in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Youth and adult softball will begin in early April and many programs will start registrations once the new magazine is mailed in late March.
- The April edition of the I-Magazine will be mailed the last week of March. Kathy Kester has taken over the design of the entire magazine. This will be the first edition that has been mailed since April 2020.
- The Memorial Building Commission has prepared opening guidelines for the 2021 Pool Season. The recommendations were presented to the Commission at this meeting and will be presented to the City Council on March 23.

**Parks:**

- Park Winterization
  - The Parks Crew has been busy with several snow events the past few months.
  - The street Ash Tree removal project has been completed for this year. There will be another round of street Ash Trees to remove in 2021. Tree trimming along the trail has been taking place when not working on snow.
  - Several projects have recently had bids collected. The Parks Plow Truck, Highway 92 Trees Planting and Youth Softball Irrigation have come in lower than estimated and will be completed this spring. The Mowing Bids are due March 24 and will be taken to Council for approval on April 5.
  - The Moats Park Restroom bid was \$19,500 higher than estimated and there will be a public hearing at the March 23 City Council Meeting. The plan is to use funds from the Parks Special Revenue Account 142 for the costs that exceed the budgeted amount.

*Commission Member Comments, Reports*

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at the Indianola Activity Center at 6:00 pm. Meeting may be moved to a Zoom meeting if needed.

It was moved by Turnball and seconded by Walton to adjourn at 6:45 pm.