

## **Hiawatha Parks and Recreation**

### **Regular Meeting**

**April 1, 2014**

President Bill Horner called the Meeting to order at 6:07p.m. in the Hiawatha Council Chambers. Present: Dan Wilkes, Dawn Ewoldt, Lynda Hembra and Deb Theis. Employees: Kelly Friedl, Parks and Recreation Director, Kim Downs, City Administrator and Ambyr Young, Recreation Coordinator. Guests: Dan Hoffman.

Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Lynda Hembra, to approve the April 1, 2014 agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

Motion by Lynda Hembra, second by Deb Theis, to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014. Motion carried.

#### **Land Acquisition:**

Kelly Friedl, Parks and Recreation Director advised that Kim Downs, City Administrator sent out Land Acquisition letters to Sharon Taylor and Varlyn and Jane Fink for the discussion with the City's interest in purchasing a portion of their land located in the North West territory. Kim included that the land would be used for a new lodge and education center. Kim added that Fink called and is interested in discussing the future of the land.

#### **Bandshell/Pavilion Update:**

Bruce Johnson, Owner of Commander Buildings is getting the final structure plans to the building department and once approved, Sean Janssen would start construction as early as April 21, 2014. Kelly Friedl, Parks and Recreation Director informed the community via Facebook and the Hiawatha Insights that the structure is being added to Guthridge and that the bandshell should be completed by the first Concert in the Park, on Friday of Memorial Day weekend.

#### **Parks and Recreation Aerator:**

Kelly advised that in March 2014 the department purchased an Aerator as the last piece of equipment for FY14. The maintenance staff felt that the tool is a useful need as they have been borrowing Marion's for the past few years. Rick gathered bids and found P&K Midwest to be the lowest and best decision as the parts would be accessible and available in a timely manner. The Aerator cost \$2,618.28. Once received, the staff will begin to use the equipment.

#### **Buses for Adventure Camp:**

Cedar Rapids Schools Transportation Department will provide buses for Adventure Camp this summer. This will save a considerable amount of funding as rates are \$18.95 an hour and \$1.53 per mile with a minimum of two hours. Buses must be ordered 10 days in advance and Kelly Friedl,

Parks and Recreation Director and Ambyr Young, Recreation Coordinator are excited to start booking field trips. Adventure camp job descriptions were posted March 30<sup>th</sup>; applications are due April 11<sup>th</sup> by 5:00p.m..

### **Recreation Updates:**

- **Iowa Parks and Recreation Spring Conference, April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>:** The Spring Conference will be held at the Double Tree and Convention Center in Cedar Rapids. Kelly and Ambyr will volunteer with registration along with taking part in the conference. Ambyr received the Fellowship Grant and will have her registration paid in full.
- **Disc Golf Tournament at Clark Park:** Doug Peyton will be hosting another Disc Golf Tournament on April 13<sup>th</sup>. This is his third year at Clark and there's usually a great turnout. This event allows more people to become more familiar with Clark Park and our Disc Golf Course.
- **Live Healthy Iowa 5K:** The race will take place on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00a.m. at Guthridge Park in Hiawatha. As of April 1<sup>st</sup> there are 239 registered participants. There will be a 1K Kids Race around Guthridge Park at 9:00a.m. and each participant will receive a medal. Kiwanis will help with the Kid's Race and anyone else who would like to volunteer at either race is welcome to. Volunteers need to meet at 6:30a.m. on the day of the race. Dan, Deb and the Fire Department are just a few of the volunteers, so far.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** The Easter Egg Hunt takes place at Guthridge Park on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m. There will be over 5,000 eggs to distribute. Frank Glaser will allow us to use the PA system. Roasters Coffee and the FRIENDS of the Parks and Recreation Foundation each gave \$250.00. Deb advised her daughter, Brittany is excited to be the Hiawatha Easter Bunny and looks forward to posing with the kids for pictures.
- **Farmers Market:** Kelly has been working with Dave Saari to align all of the vendors for 2014. There are 38 applications so far, many of which are returning vendors. Ambyr reached out to vendors who took part in the market last year to inform them that the first market is coming up on April 27<sup>th</sup> and to get their applications into City Hall to reserve their spot. Bill asked how many spots for vendors there are. Kelly advised there are 50.

### **Parks Update:**

- Rick and Ted are working on getting the picnic tables, restrooms, tennis nets and volleyball nets ready for the spring. They will begin aerating and fertilizing as soon as weather allows them to do so.

- Kelly advised a new volleyball system was purchased called the Monsoon Slider. This will allow the participants to adjust the heights of the nets depending on their skill level. For youth and high school participants it will be lowered and for adults it will be adjusted to a higher setting.

Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Deb Theis to adjourn at 6:30p.m. Motion carried.

Bill Hornett, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Kelly Friedl, Parks and Recreation Director

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