Hiawatha Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2018

Dan Wilkes called the meeting to order at 6:21p.m. in the Hiawatha Council Chambers. Present: Deb Theis, Michelle McIllece, Dawn Ewoldt, Dan Wilkes Absent: Brandon Lynch Employees: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director, Ambyr Severson, Administrative Coordinator, Rick Wolfe, Parks Maintenance Supervisor. Guests: Dan Hoffman

Motion by Deb Theis, second by Michelle McIllece to approve the June 12, 2018 agenda as amended. Motion carried. Motion by Deb Theis, second by Michelle McIllece to approve the minutes of May 8, 2018. Motion carried.

Replacement Lawn Mower Bids: It is that time again to replace one of our park mowers in FY19. Our mowers are in the equipment reserve fund that rotates every three years. We do this to keep our equipment up to date so that we can sell at a reasonable price and not have to put money into the equipment as it gets older. We have sought out three companies for bids that you will see below.

We will be replacing the #360 Zero Turn Scag in FY19 for a new Zero Turn John Deer zTrak replacement. We would like to place this mower on Craig's List for $6,500.00 with the funding going back into the equipment reserve. If we traded the mower in, we would only be receiving $4,000.00. Rick Wolfe, Parks Maintenance added that historically the scags sell for what we want for them.

On the matrix provided you will see the three different bids we received from Rexco, P & K Midwest and Midway Outdoor Equipment. We chose P&K Midwest Inc. not only because they came in the lowest, but they will give us a replacement piece if maintenance takes longer than 24 hours. P & K is also located here in Hiawatha.

We would like to ask for your recommendation to place our current Scag on Craig's List for the cost of $6,500.00 and approving P&K Midwest Inc. bid to purchase one new John Deer z Trak mower for

	Replacement Scag	
Mower Bids Matrix	**Brand**	**Price**
Rexco	Exmark	$ 11,750.00
P&K Midwest, Inc	**John Deer zTrak**	**$ 9,817.78**

9,817.78. Your recommendation will go to the June 20th Council Meeting for approval.

Midway Outdoor Equipment	Scag	$ 11,350.00
All have 60" mower deck		

Craig's List Entry
Hiawatha, IA for the sale of one 2015 61" Scag Turf Tiger 840LH Zero Turn Commercial Lawn Mower.

2015 61" Scag Turf Tiger Zero Turn Rider Commercial Lawn Mower, Velocity 61" deck, 35hp engine, 950 hours, freshly serviced. Good condition and everything works great! $6,700.00.

Mower may be viewed at the following location:
Public Works Facility
1410 Robins Rd. Hiawatha, IA
Call 319-981-3701 to schedule an appointment.

Motion by Michelle McIllece, second by Deb Theis to recommend to council place the #360 Zero Turn Scag on Craigslist for $6,700 and purchase the John Deere zTrak for $9,817.78 Motion carried.

Reports:

Soccer: 160 soccer players and coaches kicked off their summer season on Monday. The excitement continues as coaches and children take their team pictures with PortraitEFX on Wednesday and Thursday and have their first scrimmages. We are excited to have new goals made out of PVC pipe by our Parks Maintenance staff. By making them ourselves we saved hundreds of dollars. Soccer balls will need replaced next.

Hiawatha Farmers Market: The market has been in full swing! Dawn has had a full house the past couple weeks with many daily vendors participating. Make sure to stop out on Sundays from 11am-2pm, many vendors are starting to bring some good produce!

Adult Volleyball: Volleyball has been a hit thus far! They were excited to see the new nets up for their first official night May 2nd.

Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet: About 75 kids came to Kingston to participate in the Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet. Winners in each division will move on to the State Meet in Marshalltown. This event was a collaboration with Cedar Rapids and Marion. We look forward to next year's event!

Memorial Day Weekend Kickoff: On May 18th we held our annual Kids Bike Rodeo and Parade out at Guthridge Park. We were fortunate to receive donated helmets again from the Iowa Association for Justice. We had nearly 30 kids in attendance throughout the event with the Hiawatha officers teaching

information on hand signals and bike safety. We finished the event with a ride around the Guthridge Park trail lead by officer Seth Allen.

Hiawatha Adventure Camp: Hiawatha Adventure Camp will begin on June 11th. We are excited to have a full camp of kids for this summer. We have a great staff this year and they are ready to get started.

Fun Fest 2018: We have some new activities coming your way during Fun Fest 2018! Did I mention FREE! We will have a Trackless Train, National Guard Rock Wall, Zip Line, and Euro Bungee Trampoline for the whole family to enjoy! Don't miss out, Fun Fest 2018, August 24-25th! If you can help volunteer we are looking for people to assist with the Kids Tractor Pull and Inflatables.

Tennis: Five rookies and two tots are signed up for the first session of tennis through Westfield Tennis Club. This takes place at Guthridge Park through July 11th. There's still time to sign up for Session 2 if you're interested! Wednesdays from July 18th through August 15th $65, time depends on age bracket.

Ride to Wrigley: The bus is full for this year's Ride to Wrigley. June 20th the bus heads west to historic Wrigley Field to watch the Cubs take on the Dodgers. Let's hope the weather stays nice and the Cubs get a win! This is a collaborated bus trip with the City of Marion.

Consignment Tickets: Hiawatha Parks and Recreation has once again partnered with Iowa Parks and Recreation Association to offer discounted amusement park tickets to the public. One dollar of every ticket sold goes back to the department. We have Blank Park Zoo, Lost Island, Noah's Ark and both Six Flags locations. Plan your summer vacations today!

Yoga: There was 12 yogis in attendance at May's free yoga class. They have decided to move this event to the park during the summer months with the Community Center available in the event of bad weather. June 28th is the next one, don't miss it!

Movies under the Moon: Voting starts June 11th for the movie you'd like to see at July 27th's Movie under the Moon. Head over to our facebook page and decide whether you'd like to see Coco, Cars 3 or A Wrinkle in Time.

Zumba: June 13th is our next Free Fitness Class in the Community Center at 6pm. Tara will be teaching BollyX; Bollywood-inspired dance-fitness program that combines dynamic choreography with the hottest music from around the world.

State Fair Bus Trip: Join us on our next bus trip to the Iowa State Fair, August 15th with our friends from Center Point. We will have two pick up locations located at the travel plaza in Center Point and Hiawatha City Hall. Spend the day checking out all the attractions and famous food on a stick! Time at the fair will be from 10am-6pm! Avoid the parking and catch a ride with us!

Parks:

We are in full swing for the summer! Mowing, Trimming, Cleaning Restrooms and Parks! Our park pavilions and community center are busting at the seams and the splash pads are as busy as can be! We take pride in our locations so let us know if you notice anything out of the ordinary.

July 9th I will be walking through our parks with an ICAP representative and going over ADA guidelines to make sure we are meeting the accessibility needs in our parks. The City as a whole is going through this process so that we can take a proactive approach.

No trespassing signs have been posted around the Hodge property the City currently purchased last year. This is the land that is next to Tucker Park and backs up to the Cimarron condos. We hope the signs will alleviate some of the complaints we are hearing from our residents.

Forty trees have been planted around our parks. Of the forty only about four have died. It's been tough with the heat spells. A few of the planted were memorial trees people have purchased in honor of their loved ones. Plaques have been ordered but haven't been received yet.

18 acres have been purchased in the NW territory. Plans are moving along for development.

A pet fountain has been purchased by Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation and installed in Guthridge Park.

Motion by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Deb Theis to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Dan Wilkes, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director

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