Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

To:	Park and Recreation Commission
CC:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Kelly Friedl, Park and Recreation Director
Date:	August 2nd, 2016
Re:	Park and Recreation Report

Business: No new business, working on yearend report to present at next months meeting.

Reports:

- **Touch a Truck:** We are preparing for our 4th Touch A Truck event on Friday, August 5th from 4-6pm in Guthridge Park parking lot. We have about 12 trucks, tractors and vehicles available for kids to check out. Many of the same companies are in attendance along with a few new. We will have HACAP in attendance where people can bring non perishable food items for the HACAP food reservoir. This event is a great way to bring in families and have some fun!
- **Adventure Camp Session 2:** Adventure Camp will be completed for 2016 on August 5th. We have had one of the best years yet even though our numbers were a little lower than usual. The staff has been so great to work with and always prepared for the week. I have heard no complaints from the parents and they have handled everything 100%. I cannot thank them enough for all their hard work this summer!
- **Hiawatha Blastball:** We had a great session of blastball this year, it's hard to believe everything is coming to an end this summer. We had 110 children and coaches participate for 2016 and each year it seems to get a little easier to find coaches. We hope to get numbers up next year with our new website.
- **Yoga in the Park:** Yoga has been so successful this year that they added on two more sessions on Monday nights in Guthridge Park from 6-7pm. We have been very happy with the instructors as they volunteer their time in the community to teach this program. We hope next year will bring the same success!
- **Farmers Markets:** The Market continues to go well every Sunday as long as weather permits. We are very happy with the number of vendors we continue to see each week and

hope that eventually we can gain the same awareness for our weekday market. Right now we are reviewing the weekday market to see what we can adjust and improve if we continue to keep it going. One of the ideas is to have it start after Kids League is over and have the market go from July to September out at the Park. We have heard many people asking to have it back in the park since Center Point and Emmons are under construction. This would allow us more parking and more vendors for people interested. Dawn has done a great job working with the vendors and making sure everything is set up and ready to go.

- **Hiawatha Fun Fest:** The Hiawatha Fun Fest will be here quickly and we are gearing up with tons of activities for the community to enjoy. We are excited to see what people's thoughts are after this year, hoping that we can improve and bring in something a little better each year. Please spread the word to your neighbors, family and friends about Fun Fest 2016!
- **Movies under the Moon:** Movies under the Moon took place on July 15th! We had nearly 500 people in attendance and were blown away with such a great turn out. The Foundation has heard nothing but positive feedback and we can't wait for the next showing after the last concert on August 26th! We will have popcorn and beverages and Kiwanis will have a face painter before the movie begins.
- **HiBRAI –** August 13th and 14th is Hiawatha's Bike Ride around Iowa. Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation have been busy planning for this ride. Benefits from the ride support Adventure Camp's field trips and speakers. We have over 100 riders in attendance so far and hope to see that number increase as the ride gets closer.
- **Music in the Park:** Every Friday in August from 6 to 9pm

  August 5th – Compass Rose Band with Touch a Truck before from 4 to 6pm
  August 12th – Brass Transit Authority
  August 19th – Copperhead Creek
  August 26th – Past Masters with Movie in the Park to follow!

  *Kiwanis will be in attendance at all of the concerts selling concessions along with providing a face painter.

Parks:

- **Seasonals:** It hard to believe summer is coming to an end already. We will be losing two of our seasonals August 4th and 11th where they will be heading back to college. We will have one left that we will continue to keep until the first part of October. We have had a whirlwind of a summer but can't thank them enough for all their help in continuing to keep our parks up to date.