Hiawatha Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2016

Chair Lynda Hembera called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m. in the Council Chambers at Hiawatha City Hall. Present: Lynda Hembera , Deb Theis, Dan Wilkes, Dawn Ewoldt, Absent: Brandon Lynch Employees: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director, Ambyr Young, Administrative Coordinator, Kim Downs, City Administrator, Bill Bennett, Mayor of Hiawatha. Guests: Dan Hoffman.

Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Deb Thies to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Deb Thies, second by Dan Wilkes to approve the minutes of October 11, 2016. Motion carried.

Proposal from HiCREW Kiwanis for concessions at Music in the Park: Hi-CREW Kiwanis requested permission to sell refreshments at the concert series in August as well as the concert on Memorial Day weekend concert in May. Hi-CREW Kiwanis has sold at Music in the Park for the past 4 years and has met all the requirements set by this policy. Motion was made by Lynda Hembera, second by Deb Thies to approve HiCREW Kiwanis request to sell concessions at Music in the Park. Motion Carried.

Special Event Request for Clot Trot 5K and10K August 5, 2017: Hiawatha received a special events request to hold a 5K race Saturday, August 5, 2017. This request involves use of Guthridge Park including the Brown pavilion, healthcare vendors located by the pavilion and potentially a medical helicopter landing in the park during the event, police and fire services, and use of the streets. Request is to use the same route as the Live Healthy Iowa 5K and run the course twice. See attached documents for further information. Motion was made by Dan Wilkes, second by Lynda Hembera to approve special event request – Clot Trot 5k and 10k on August 5th, 2017. Motion Carried.

American Cancer Society Bark for Life Canine Event April 22nd, 2017: The American Cancer Society Bark for Life of Linn County is a fundraising event that honors the care-giving qualities of our Canine Caregivers. They welcome all dogs who have obtained the necessary vaccinations, to attend the event. This event is a way to "take a bite out of cancer," and make new friends-canine and human. Last year they held their event in Guthridge Park Brown Pavilion while using the trail as a course to walk around. With the amount of animals and using between 9-12 vendors they will be charged a large group rental rate of $75.00. Since they will be using a majority of the parks but not all pavilions Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation, would like for them to submit a $1,000 damage deposit with their rental like they did last year. We did not have any issues with this rental last year, so I don't anticipate any problems. Motion was made by Deb Thies, second by Lynda Hembera to approve American Bark for Life request for April 22nd, 2017 with a $75 fee and $1,000 deposit. Motion Carried.

Reindeer Run 5K, December 2nd, 2017: The Park and Recreation Friends Foundation would like to start a new community event during the Holidays called the Reindeer Run 5K. Surprisingly, there is not a Holiday run around the corridor so we thought it would be something fun to get people active and in the holiday spirit! We would use the same route as the Live Healthy Iowa 5K and also incorporate Santa. The Foundation would like to give out cocoa and a small give away such as a Santa hat or reindeer antlers. This would be a small fundraiser for the Foundation in replacement of Playing for Keeps to raise funds for our Adventure Camp Program. Motion was made by Dan Wilkes, second by Deb Thies to approve Reindeer Run 5K on December 2, 2017. Motion Carried.

Reports:

Program Brochure 2017: We have a few more things to finalize and we will get it out to the printer right after the Holiday. Should be ready for hand out the first week in January!

Vino Van Gogh: Five participants painted "Rosey Cheeks" in the Community Center on December 8th. This was the last painting class in the community center for now.

Santa Letters: Santa is busy collecting letters and preparing to send them out. As of right now Santa will be sending 25 letters.

Community Center Audio Visual: We will begin the audio visual update on the 13th and 14th of December! We will have a walk through of the upgrade once the system is complete.

Kids Movie Night: November 11th was our last Kids Movie Night for 2016 featuring Angry Birds. We will be able to use the new system for our next movie night on January 13th featuring Finding Dory!

Zumba: Join us in the Hiawatha Community Center on January 12th for a chance to try something new and burn some calories too! Brooke Lenz, Zumba certified instructor, will get you in the groove as you dance for 30 minutes and have some fun! Come try it out for FREE!

Lil Cougar Dance Clinic: It's that time of year again! January 22nd the Kennedy Dance team has partnered will offer a dance clinic for kids Kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration is only $20 and includes pom poms.

Candlelight Yoga: Wind down with a gentle Yoga flow in this sixty minute restorative class led by Kayla Davis. This restorative class will stretch your body and release the stress of the hectic week. Opening your body and mind, you will leave calmer, relaxed, and more present. This takes place January 26th. Preregistration is $8 online or drop in is $10.

Goals for 2017:

Increase Marketing

Make sure website runs efficiently

Increase numbers from downfall in 2016

Motion by Deb Thies, second by Dan Wilkes, to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Lynda Hembera, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director

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