Hiawatha Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2017

Deb Theis called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m. in the Hiawatha Council Chambers. Present: Dan Gogel, Deb Theis, Dawn Ewoldt Absent: Dan Wilkes and Brandon Lynch Employees: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director, Ambyr Young, Administrative Coordinator, Rick Wolfe, Park Maintenance, Kim Downs, City Administrator, Aime Wichtendahl, Council Member, Bill Bennett, Mayor. Guests: Dan Hoffman.
Motion by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Dan Gogel to approve the June 13, 2017 agenda as amended. Motion carried.
Motion by Dan Gogel, second by Dawn Ewoldt to approve the minutes of March 14, 2017. Motion carried.

Replacement Lawn Mower Bids: Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation advised that it is time again to replace the park mowers for FY18. The mowers are in the equipment reserve fund that rotates every three years. This is done to keep the equipment up to date so that they sell at a reasonable price and not have to put money into the equipment as it gets older.

The department is considering replacing the #360 Zero Turn Scag in FY18 for a new Zero Turn John Deer zTrak replacement. The department would like to place this mower on Craig's List for a minimum bid of $5,500.00 with the funding going back into the equipment reserve. If the mower was traded, the department would only receive $4,000.00. Dan Gogel, Parks and Recreation Commission Member, asked what would happen if the minimum bid was not met. Kim Downs, City Administrator, advised that the equipment is already on reserve to pay full price. Rick Wolfe, Park Maintenance, added that the last piece of equipment sold on Craigslist in nine hours.

The parks staff will also be replacing the 2009 Landpride Flex Mower (Batwing). This was kept on the reserve for an additional three years in FY15 and is now time to be replaced. We have had to start putting funds towards this piece of equipment over the last year. We will be trading this piece of equipment in for the value of $5,500.00.

Three different bids were received from Rexco, P & K Midwest and Midway Outdoor Equipment for the Scag. Rexco, P&K Midwest and Kromminga submitted bids for the Landpride Batwing. Hiawatha staff chose P&K Midwest Inc. for both pieces of equipment, not only because they came in the lowest, but they will also be able to provide two new pieces of equipment on July 1st, give a replacement piece if maintenance will take longer than 24 hours and they are located here in Hiawatha.

The department would like to ask for your recommendation to place the current Scag on Craig's List accepting minimum bids of $5,500.00 and approving P&K Midwest Inc. bid to purchase one new John Deer z Trak mower for 9,803.46 and one new Landpride Flex Mower (Batwing) for $7,400.00 out of

reserve dollars. Your recommendation will go to the June 21st Council Meeting for approval.

Motion made by Dan Gogel, second by Dawn Ewoldt to recommend to council to place the current scag on Craigslist and approve the purchase of John Deere Z Trak mower for $9,803.46 and the Landpride Flex Mower for $7,400 out of reserve dollars. Motion carried.

Reports:

Hiawatha Little Mustangs Basketball Camp: Sixteen boys and girls ranging from kindergarten through 5th grade participated in our first Little Mustangs Basketball Camp. Coach Aaron Jennings focused on shooting, ball handling, footwork, passing, cutting and rebounding. Coach Jennings mentioned that the clinic went very well and he'd like to have it a couple times a year.
Soccer: About 120 parents and children are participating in this summer's Hiawatha Soccer program. Soccer is generously sponsored by First Federal Credit Union.
Yoga in the Park: Yoga in the Park will take place before the Farmers Market at 10am on the First Sunday of the month from July through September.
Hiawatha Farmers Market: Hiawatha Farmers Market has taken off without a problem. Vendors have turned out to like the layout and Dawn is doing a great job of managing it.
Adult Volleyball: This league is not for the faint of heart! Starting Wednesday, May 3rd through June 28th at 6:15 or 7:15pm adults will kick up some sand in Guthridge Park and ace, kill and dig some balls. Scott Bell is helping run this league this year.
Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet: NEW! The Collaborated Track meet on May 20th in Cedar Rapids unfortunately got rained out. We will continue to partner next year with Cedar Rapids and Marion.
Memorial Day Weekend Kickoff: On May 26th 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 60 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 Allaire. After the rodeo, we had Copperhead Creek perform our first Concert in the Park from 6-9pm. We had close to 100 people in attendance.
Hiawatha Adventure Camp: Hiawatha Adventure Camp will begin on June 12th. We are excited to have a full camp of kids for this summer. We have a great staff this year with two returning counselors. They are ready to get started!
Fun Fest 2017: We will have a smaller fireworks show this year and they will be set off on city property rather than Waterhouse but we do have some new activities coming your way during Fun Fest 2017! Did I mention FREE! We will have a Trackless Train, National Guard Rock Wall and Euro Bungee Trampoline for the whole family to enjoy! Don't miss out, Fun Fest 2017, August 25-26th! If you can help volunteer we are looking for people to assist with the Euro Bungee and Kids Tractor Pull. We will have a smaller fireworks show this year and they will be set off on city property rather than Waterhouse.

Pinterest Party Cork n Craft: We had 12 people registered for our summer Cork and Craft program. On Tuesday, June 13th they designed three canvas pieces using geometric designs! We have been very impressed with the numbers for this program.

Tennis: Balls are flying during the Rookies lessons on Wednesdays from five to six on Guthridge's tennis courts. Three kids between the ages of seven to ten signed up to learn the fundamentals of tennis taught by Westfield Tennis Club's instructor, Riley. The next session (offered to ages between 4 and 400 for $52) begins June 26. Sign up today!

Ride to Wrigley: June 2nd was a beautiful day for baseball and if you're a Chicago Cubs fan, it doesn't get any better than a win against the St. Louis Cardinals. Ambyr and Karlene, Marion Parks and Recreation, supervised a group of over fifty as they traveled by Windstar from Target on Blairsferry to Wrigley Field. Fans left at 5:30am and returned to Target a little after 11PM. Hiawatha Bank and Trust was gracious enough to sponsor this trip. Kelly and Ambyr are looking to expand the trip next year with two buses – one Hiawatha and one Marion – to either Wrigley or Busch Stadium for a change of pace.

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. Plan your summer vacations today!

Parks:

- Splash Pads are now turned on and in full use! After this year we will look at the water consumption and see if the change in hours had any effect.
- We will meet with Hiawatha Kids League on Tuesday, June 13th in regards to the solar panel they would like to install on the concession stand roof.
- We had two Eagle Scouts complete their projects on May 6th and May 13th. Chase Pasterski completed the retaining wall out at Guthridge Park with the help of City staff and his 20 volunteers. Cameron Kelso completed landscaping around the benches out at Clark Park. He planted some native plants and pollinators to attract the butterflies along with perennials that will keep maintenance minimal for staff. We thank them for their hard work and helping us continue to beautify our parks.
- On May 10th, Kelly met with Hiawatha Kids League and Linn County Public Health to go over their annual concession stand audit. Everything went smooth and they continue to keep the facility in great shape.
- The Cedar Rapids Disc Golf Group that puts on our April tournament purchased a memorial tree in May. On June 2nd City Staff planted a gingko tree in honor of Ian Connour an avid disco golf player to the Cedar Rapids Group. This tree separates the disc golf holes 3 and 4.
  This group is also helping us purchase new disc golf signage. Michael Deeter, has collected 18 sponsorships and is putting together a new design. The wooden signs we currently have are starting to show some wear and tear. We will order the signs from Prison Industries and keep the wooden signs on back up.
- Hiawatha is following the states recommendations in regards to the new fireworks law. Citizens are reminded that fireworks are not allowed to be shot off in our parks.

Motion by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Dan Gogel, to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Deb Theis, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director

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