Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

Business:

HKL Solar Panel Installation and Agreement Update:

Last year Hiawatha Kids League came to the City asking to install a solar panel on the concession stand roof. This would allow the League not only to save some funding on their annual utility bill but also bring a green initiative to their program.

As last year continued, Kids League was unable to complete the project working with local solar companies, finding the cost savings, and whether they wanted to move forward on this project based on their ROI. After meeting with the HKL board and City staff this spring, we put together numbers to see what their annual savings would be ($150) and what their main purpose is for the project with the grant funding awarded. Their board voted in April to move forward with the installation of the solar panels based off of adding a green initiative and educating the kids participating in the league.

Last year as a park board you gave approval of the project to council but it never made it on the agenda. With changes to the project I would like to bring it back to the board for approval. In the updated agreement you will find additions to the dates and an added utilities line:

6. **Utilities.** The Parties anticipate the solar panel will generate electricity throughout the year. The City agrees to give HKL a credit of $150.00 to offset HKL's electrical utilities it pays to the City each year provided the solar panel generates at least 1745 kWh hours annually. The first credit shall be made no later than September 15, 2019. All subsequent credits shall be made on or before September 15th of every year thereafter during the Term of this Agreement so long as the solar panel continues to generate 1745 kWh hour annually.

   The Parties further agree that they will review rates every three (3) years to evaluate the kWh hours generated from the solar panel in conjunction with the utility costs to HKL. The City may, at its sole discretion and with at least sixty (60) days written notice to HKL, terminate its annual credit as provided in Paragraph 6 of the Agreement.

The City will credit HKL $150 each year at the end of their season provided that the solar panels generate at least 1745 kWh annually.

Last years information explaining the solar panel installation:

Hiawatha Kids League is seeking permission to install a green energy producing alternative; solar panels atop the Guthridge Park concession stand. These 4 solar panels (3.5' x 5.5') would offset the energy consumption and would

produce the most solar power if mounted onto the roof section facing the south; this has 200 gross square feet of area or 75 square feet of viable set back square feet. The solar panels need to be in proximity to the concession stand meter.

The solar system would produce approximately 1745 kWh ($150) per year and the HKL energy consumption averages 3500 kWh each season of ($300-400). The offset would be captured with a bi-directional meter provided by Alliant Energy; the meter would spin in the opposite (favorable) direction when energy was being produced by the solar panels.

Certified contractors and electricians approved by the Hiawatha building department will conduct the installation. Total cost would be under $4000, HKL intends to pay for the installation and maintenance of the solar system with City guidance. Hiawatha Kids League has earned a Green Communities grant for $2500 and would pay for the balance of the installation with budgeted funds for special projects. Contactors will work with the City of Hiawatha and abide to all of the necessary codes and installation requirements for proper mechanical and electrical functionality. Desired installation would be for June of 2018. The maple trees in front of the concession stand have already been removed for safety purposes so that kids cannot climb on the roof moving forward. There will be a tree replanted after construction.

The Solar Panel would demonstrate to the youth and families of the league the benefits of green energy alternatives and how solar energy is converted into useful applications in the concession stand. The solar panels have a life span of over 20 years and would help HKL meet the cost and use of traditional energy for years to come.

Kelly, Kim Downs, Cindy Kudrna, (Finance Director) Patrick Parsley, (Community Development) and Mark Parmenter (City Attorney) met with the Hiawatha Kids League Board to discuss moving forward and making sure all permits and necessary guidelines are met by the Park and Rec and Community Development departments. Attached you will see the agreement that Mark Parmenter has drafted, that explains the partnership and what is expected of Hiawatha Kids League moving forward. Hiawatha Kids League will be responsible for maintaining the panels once they are placed on the facility. I am asking for a recommendation to council to move forward with the construction of this project. Hiawatha Kids League has done great things for our community. With your approval, this will go to City Council at the May 16th meeting.

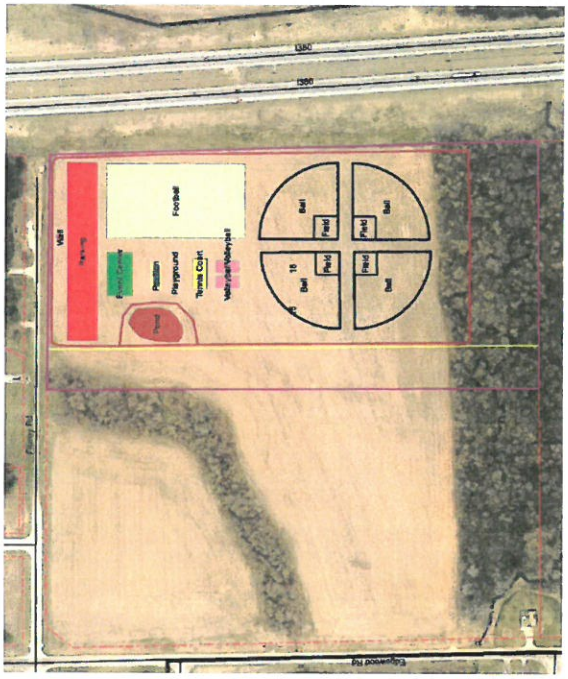
Recreation Reports:

- **Farmers Market:** The first Farmers Market went off without a hitch! It will be going every Sunday through October from 11am to 2pm. Vendors are still trickling in and the SNAP program has already traded some stamps for tokens. Things are off to a great start.
- **Live Healthy Iowa 5K:** 230 runners signed up for the Live Healthy Iowa 5k however the weather wasn't so awesome. About 120 runners showed up and ran through the brutal cold and winds. KHAK came to MC, Ametur Radio kept us up to date on runners and safety, Hiawatha Police and Fire were on the scene, Kalona Super Natural donated chocolate milk, PepsiCo donated Chewy Bars, Hy-Vee donated bananas. Hi-Crew Kiwanis ran the kid's fun run and although it was freezing they still had fun! Hiawatha staff helped with many of the stations and we couldn't have done it without them. Thanks to everyone for their help!
- **Fitness Classes with Tara:** May 9th at 6pm in the Community Center - Zumba Gold: Active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba®class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower-intensity.
- **Jazzercise at the Market:** Jazzercise will be joining our markets at 12:30pm on the first and third Sunday of each month during May, June and July. Jazzercise is a pulse-pounding, beat-pumping, body-blasting fitness program that gets you results...fast. It's a high intensity dance party that fuses cardio, strength, Pilates, hip hop, **yoga** and kickboxing. Burn up to 800 calories per hour in any of our 60-minute classes.
- **Whispering Pines Classes:** Bring your own snacks and beverages and learn to paint a flag in honor of Memorial Day at the Hiawatha Community Center on May 16th at 6pm. Fee is $35 cash or check only.
- **Yoga 2018**: Still free and still going strong! Mark your calendars for May 31st at 6pm in the Hiawatha Community Center -or- maybe she'll move it outdoors to enjoy the nice weather! Show up and find out!

- **Basketball:** This offensive improvement camp is designed for boys and girls grades K-5th who want to gain some serious offensive skills in basketball! Mount Mercy's head coach, Aaron Jennings and players will take you through the Mustang Offensive Improvement series. This sequence of drills has helped make the Mustangs one of the top offensive programs in the country. Over the two days, specific attention will be given to shooting, ball handling, footwork, passing, cutting, screening and offensive rebounding. Participants will also get to test these new skills in full- and half-court games and individual contests. Wednesday and Thursday May 9th and 10th Nixon Elementary School 6:00pm-8:00pm Fee: $30.00
- **Pitch Hit Run:** Major League Baseball Pitch Hit & Run is a FREE, 1– day event for boys and girls ages 7-14. PHR is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. Participants compete in either the Baseball Division or Softball Division and have the opportunity to advance through four levels of competition including Locals, Sectionals, Team Championships and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game. Children ages: 7-14 Collaborative Program with Marion Fee: FREE, but must contact 319-393-1515 to register Date: May 7th (rain date May 9th) Time: 5:30-7:30pm Location: Lowe Park
- **Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet:** Saturday, May 19th at 1pm Hiawatha, Marion and Cedar Rapids will work together to host the Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet at Kingston Stadium where participants ages 7 to 14 can compete in various track and field events such as long jumps, softball throws, relays and dashes. If the child does well they have the opportunity to go to state to compete against other kids around Iowa. This event is free and does accept walk in registrants.
- **Bike Rodeo & Parade:** Kids and parents are invited to Hiawatha's Bike Rodeo from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 18th at Guthridge Park in the 7th Avenue parking lot. Bike safety information, interactive lessons, and information will be taught by members of the Hiawatha Police Department and Northtowne Cycling and Fitness. FREE bike helmets will be available to the first 50 children who need them. Don't forget to bring your bike so you can decorate your bike and parade around Guthridge Park with the Hiawatha Police Officers at 5:30pm. Parents are encouraged to decorate their own bike and ride along too! Coordinators of this year's bike rodeo are Hiawatha Parks and Recreation, Hiawatha Library, Hiawatha Police Department, Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation and Northtowne Cycling and Fitness. Many thanks to Iowa Association of Justice for donating the helmets!
- **Soccer:** Soccer registration closes May 4th. So far over 100 children have signed up. We are particularly excited about the new soccer goals that our staff has created! Goals similar to the ones-built sell for close to one hundred dollars but ours was created for less than ten dollars per unit.
- **Blastball:** Blastball sign up ends June 8th. We're excited that we'll be utilizing our dugouts to keep our equipment in this summer. In years past, coaches would have to lug around many, many pounds of equipment so this (literally) is a big relief!
- **Adventure Camp:** Schools almost out and Adventure Camp's almost in session! Field trips, buses and speakers have been scheduled and staff has been hired! It's going to be an all new staff and a whole lot of fun!
- **Tennis:** Tennis starts June 6th! Hiawatha offers tennis lessons through the Westfield Tennis Club. Classes will be held at the tennis courts located in Guthridge Park. Only rain dates will be made up. Payments will be for the entire session, not pro-rated for missed classes. Minimum class size will be 2 with a maximum of 6 students. If there are fewer than 2 students registered, the class will be cancelled. See the website for additional information.
- **Advanced Volleyball:** Come and join our ADVANCED Volleyball League for adults on Wednesday nights at Guthridge Park. Sign up on your own or with a friend and be ready to play hard! This is a great opportunity for advanced players to play in the sand. This league will be a nine-week session in mad hatter format. Teams will play at 6:15pm. The overall record will decide the winner. Leagues play rain or shine!
- **Youth Volleyball:** Looking to learn the fundamentals of volleyball? Getting ready for middle school? Not sure if you will like the sport or not? Come learn on Thursdays at Guthridge Park's sand volleyball courts! Ages 10-13 Thursday evenings 5:30PM to 6:15PM, June 7th through June 28th Minimum of 6 participants. Fee $15.

Parks:

- **Trees for Kids Grant:** On Wednesday, May 2nd thirteen Hiawatha Elementary Students helped plant 21 trees around Guthridge Park. They learned how to plant a tree from the Iowa DNR and then broke off into groups to complete the planting. We completed the planting in just over an hour.

- **Branching Out Grant:** On Tuesday, May 8th we will have 7 Xavier High School students from their Kiwanis Key Club and 20 Progressive Insurance volunteers to plant 17 more trees between Tucker and Guthridge Park. We are excited to be working with so many different groups this spring!
- **Adventure Camp Posting:** We have found five really great candidates for Adventure Camp this summer. We will have 1 student from ISU, 2 from Kirkwood College, 1 from Anderson University and 1 from Alburnett High School. Michelle helped Ambyr and I interview the candidates and was a great help at making our final decisions. We look forward to a great summer ahead.
- **Parks OPEN:** All the parks are now open! We have all pavilions open, picnic tables dispersed, nets put up and mowing has started. Splash pads will be turned on from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend from 10am -8pm.
- **Playground Inspections:** All three parks were inspected by our ICAP insurance company representative on April 25th. This was a great experience that we will continue on an annual basis. Rick, Ted and I were able to go through each park and inspect our equipment along with a certified playground representative. There are a few updates in Guthridge and Tucker park but overall our equipment is in good shape. We will be removing the medal slide out at Tucker Park, getting a new slide topper and adding more chips in areas that are wearing.
- **Guthridge Park Handicap Stalls rearranged:** The Handicap Stalls at Guthridge Park have been removed from the middle lot and added on the south end of the parking lot. This will help control traffic at the farmers market and any special events that we have in the middle lot. Thank you to the streets department for helping us complete this project.
- **NW Park Purchase:** EXCITING NEWS! The parks will be expanding to the NW side of Hiawatha! We received confirmation from the Taylor family that they approve our ideas and are ready to sell 18 acres of their land to the City. We have been working with the City Engineer and Attorney to obtain a plat of

survey and finalize the purchase agreement, we plan to close by the end of this fiscal year! We were able to get $25,000.00 per acre leaving us with funds left over to start the planning process.