Hiawatha Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2016

Vice President Brandon Lynch called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m. in the Hiawatha Council Chambers. Present: Deb Theis, Dan Wilkes, Dawn Ewoldt, Brandon Lynch Absent: Lynda Hembera Employees: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director, Ambyr Young, Administrative Coordinator, Bill Bennett, Mayor and Kim Downs, City Administrator.
Guests: Dan Hoffman
Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Dawn Ewoldt to approve the April 12th, 2016 agenda as amended. Motion carried.
Motion by Deb Thies, second by Dan Wilkes to approve the minutes of March 8th, 2016. Motion carried.

Amateur Radio Field Day at Clark Park: The Cedar Rapids/Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club would like to request Clark Park as their designated area radio frequency location on June 24-26, 2016. This will be their second year for the event and had a great success last year. They kept the park in great condition and will have the same requirements for 2016. Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation, requested approval for this event to take place in the park on June 24-26th, 2016.
Motion by Deb Thies, second by Dan Wilkes to approve the Cedar Rapids/Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club request to allow use of Fay M. Clark Park from June 24th through June 26th, 2016. Motion carried.

Kennedy Advanced Art Class Sketches for Learning Center: The Kennedy art class put together a few sketches for our repainting of the learning center. The four sketches include the classic story tales, under the sea, dragons and the alphabet. After looking over them with staff we think the story tale plot would be a fun addition, as it brings a kid friendly feel to the park. The class will start painting in May, with the Friends Foundation support of the paint. We are very excited for an update to the center!

Reports:

- **Cedar Rapids Toyota Parks Truck:** For the last four years we partnered with CR Toyota to lease a Truck for $1 (from May through October) to help with our summer seasonals and the work load. For this we put the CR Toyota magnet on the truck to market their business. The expenses we incur are basic maintenance and gas expenses out of the department budget. We are also responsible for the insurance coverage and add this policy through ICAP. It's a great partnership and we cannot thank them enough!

- **Sustainable Tree Grant:** City staff and volunteers met with the Iowa DNR for our second Sustainable Tree Grant session at City Hall on April 6th. We went over Tree Identification and Technology for when we go out and complete our tree inventory this summer. The City will be continuing to work on their EAB plan as well as updates to their tree planting policys.

- **Kids Movie Night:** March 11th we showed The Good Dinosaur in the Community Center. This was the last Kids Movie Night until September 9th! Dawn Ewoldt added that there was a great turn out but the sound system needs fixed. Kelly Willadsen advised that she has been working with CEC to fix the system.

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was another huge success. 5,000 eggs vanished in less than ten seconds. Thank you to our volunteers and to our sponsor Roasters Coffee House. Deb Thies mentioned that Hiawatha needs a new bunny costume of our own. Kelly Willadsen advised that the department is looking into a new costume.

- **Live Healthy Iowa 5K:** The City of Hiawatha has partnered with Live Healthy Iowa to host a 5k and Kids 1K on April 9th. The 5K starts at 8am in Guthridge Park and goes around Hiawatha. The Kids 1K is to follow at 9am and goes around the trail at Guthridge. Hi-Crew Kiwanis will be helping out with the Kids Race. KHAK's Brain & Courtlin will be in attendance to pump up the crowd and hand out prizes. Volunteers should check in at 6:45am on the day of the race as registration starts at 7am.

- **Photo Backup:** Cancelled due to lack of registrations. We're hoping June's class is more successful.
- **Vino Van Gogh:** Cancelled due to lack of registrations. We're hoping they'll take our suggestions to paint more seasonal images. The next class will take place in June.

- **Salad Prep Class:** Dr. Hannah Anderson will provide food preparation instructions, meal samples and 21 healthy salad recipes. No trendy fad diets here! Join us to make health a long term habit! Class takes place on April 19th at 6:30pm in the Community Center. Cost is $5 and is payable at the door. RSVP's are encouraged.

- **Dance Club Cardio:** Are you looking for a great way to burn over 700 calories and have fun while doing it? Ashley will entertain, motivate and engage you from the moment you begin! Bring a towel, water bottle and a friend! All ages, sizes, and fitness levels are encouraged to come and shake it! Join us in the Community Center on May 2nd from 6 to 7pm!

- **Adult Volleyball:** May 4th kicks off our first summer program! Adult volleyball is not for the faint of heart. This group plays dirty and hard! Cost is $10 per person and is managed by Brian Freerksen.

- **Farmers Market:** More and more vendor applications are coming in! We currently have 35 applications in and of the 35, 27 are seasonal vendors (meaning they are planning on being there weekly throughout the season) Our first farmers market takes place on April 24th and will go through October 23rd. At the first farmers market we will discuss our new weekday market with the vendors and go through the application process. Only 12 vendors will be selected for that market.

- **Hiawatha Open:** Our annual disc golf tournament will take place on April 10th at 8am in Fay M. Clark Park. Michael Deeter of Sky Candy Discs has partnered with us to run this tournament. The first 50 registrations will get a player pack discs from Dynamic Discs : Justice, Witness, Verdict, Truth, and Westside Catapults. Registration varies from $10 to $50, depending on your skill set.

Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation, added that maintenance has been fertilizing, aerating and more. The bathrooms are open and daycares have been notified about the splashpad hour changes. Park rentals have started for the season and the website should be available on Monday. Kelly also informed the board that the Hiawatha Fun Fest planning is going well. Lynda Hembera is on the Parade Committee, Dan Wilkes is helping with Kiwanis and Brandon Lynch is on the Entertainment Committee. Kim Downs, City Administrator, said that it's been nice seeing different people coming to the meetings and meeting new people throughout the community. She mentioned that Fun Fest is about what the Parks and Recreation Board is all about and would love to have their participation. The meetings are short and the chairs are in place. They just need help and input. Kelly added that it's noting like RAGBRAI. Dawn Ewoldt said to send her the contacts for the parade committee and Deb Thies agreed to be on the entertainment committee.

Motion by Deb Thies, second by Dawn Ewoldt, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Lynda Hembera, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director

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