Hiawatha Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
September 4, 2019

Dan Wilkes called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m. in the Hiawatha Council Chambers. Present: Dan Wilkes, Chris Klostermann, Charles Uthe, Michelle MIllece, and Dawn Ewoldt. Employees: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director and Kim Downs, City Administrator.

Motion by Michelle McIllece, second by Dawn Ewoldt to approve the September 3, 2019 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Michelle McIllece, second by Charles Uthe, to approve the minutes of June 11th, 2019. Motion carried.

Unite@Night Walk at Guthridge Park: Willadsen presented the Unite@night walk at Guthridge Park on Saturday, September 21st from 2pm-7pm in Guthridge Park at the Brown pavilion. She mentioned that this is a fundraising event hosted for an individual from Hiawatha affected with Chiara Malformation. This event includes a one-mile, casual evening walk around the Guthridge Park Trail in effort to support and raise funds for this individual.

They will provide the City with a $1,000.00 damage deposit, on top of their all-day rental fee. They hope to have 100 people attend their event and also understand that there will be other rentals going on that day. McIllece asked if they will be providing insurance since they will have people walking? Willadsen stated that they have provided their insurance policy and that they will be taking registrations for their attendees.

Motion made by Michelle McIllece, second by Dawn Ewoldt to approve the Unite@night walk at Guthridge Park on Saturday, September 21st. Motion carried.

Dog Park Rules and Signage: Willadsen presented the dog park signage that will be placed at the new dog park come spring. She mentioned these will be the final touches as they will not be installed until the Dog Park gets closer to opening. The signage includes the rules and regulations that will be posted at the entrance, along with clean up, and small/large park individual signage.

Ewoldt mentioned to add, "must carry current vaccination documentation" to the rule of "must be current on vaccinations." Working in a pet clinic in the past she said this will help keep people accountable along with if an altercation would happen, users have their proof. Wilkes asked if that many people would carry their paperwork? Ewoldt commented that she currently keeps hers in her vehicle if they take their pets to the dog park. Many people do so, if they are avid dog park users.

Klosterman and Uthe asked if the City Attorney will be looking over these rules and regulations to make sure the verbiage is correct. Willadsen mentioned that she will pass these off to the City Attorney Mark Parmenter before these become official.

McIllece brought up the idea of having a display sign for the small dog park area that represents the height restrictions so that there are not larger dogs over 13'' in height. A sign similar to an amusement park. The commission agreed with the idea.

Wilkes asked about the Dave Wright Family Dog Park naming rights, stating that it was the first time he heard about it. He thought the park should have more of a prominent name and questioned the land swap and dollars for the project. Kim Downs, responded that this project was originally brought to the City by Dave Wright after he heard the need from the Citizen Survey in 2016. The naming was discussed when the project originally started with council. Uthe made a recommendation to name the park "The City of Hiawatha Dog Park, presented by the Dave Wright Family" and to see if we can ask Dave it that is allowable.

Uthe also asked if there would be a donation box at the dog park for users to contribute. Willadsen stated that if she can find a safe a secure feature, it might be possible. McIllece mentioned to develop a QR Code to put on one of the signs. She said that they work very well at her job and have received great feedback. Willadsen will research the donation feature.

Motion made by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Charles Uthe to approve the current signage with the City attorney's support, the name suggestion of "Presented by the Dave Wright Family", and researching the potential for the addition of a QR code for donations. Motion Carried.

Splash Pad Resurfacing at Guthridge Park: Willadsen presented information about the replacement of the Guthridge Park splash pad surface. She reminded the Commission of the Tucker Park surface that was just replaced last spring with the TuffCoat paint from Colorado. She mentioned that the application applied in May has worked out well for the first season. The department heard no complaints and the colorful paint still made the pad child friendly and inviting. The parks staff was able to apply the paint themselves and was also cost effective compared to the pebbled rubber surface that Guthridge currently has. The Guthridge Park surface has with stood it's life span and will need to be peeled off this fall. Willadsen recommended to go with another order of TuffCoat paint and to replace the colors with Red, Blue, and Green since the purple can tend to get warm when the feature is off. The cost to resurface Guthridge is $4,737.00.

Motion made by Charles Uthe, second by Michelle McIllece to purchase Tuff Coat at $4,799 for splashpad resurfacing. Motion carried.

Motion by Michelle McIllece, second by Charles Uthe, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Dan Wilkes, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

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