Hiawatha Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
August 8, 2017

Deb Theis called the meeting to order at 6:36p.m. in the Hiawatha Council Chambers. Present: Dan Wilkes, Deb Theis, Dawn Ewoldt Absent: Dan Gogel and Brandon Lynch Employees: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director, Ambyr Young, Administrative Coordinator. Guests: Dan Hoffman.
Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Dawn Ewoldt to approve the August 8, 2017 agenda as amended. Motion carried. Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Dawn Ewoldt to approve the minutes of June 13, 2017. Motion carried.

Approval for Kona Ice to attend August 13th pavilion rental- On Sunday, August 13th Cathy Muller, would like to have Kona Ice come to the Teal Pavilion at Clark Park for her daughter's fourth Birthday party. They will arrive at 11:30am and leave by noon. This will only be for her invited guests at her rental. Kona understands our City policy and we have never had issues with them.

Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Dawn Ewoldt to approve Kona Ice to attend August 13th Teal Pavilion rental. Motion carried.

Approval for HKL solar panel installation- The Hiawatha Kids League is seeking permission to install a green energy producing alternative; solar panels atop the Guthridge Park concession stand. These 2 or 3 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 1160 watts or 1.16 KW ($200) per year and the HKL energy consumption averages 5.5 KWH each season or ($500). 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.

Moxie Solar from North Liberty, Iowa would conduct the installation with certified contractors and electricians. 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. Moxie Solar would initiate a contract with the City of Hiawatha and abide to all the necessary codes and installation requirements for proper mechanical and electrical functionality. Desired installation would be for the fall of 2017. Before install the City will need to remove the maple tree in front of the concession stand 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 defray the cost and use of traditional energy for year to come.

Kelly, Kim Downs, Patrick Parsley (Community Development) and Mark Parmenter (City Attorney) met with Chris Richards who is the head of project to discuss moving forward and making sure all permits and necessary guidelines are met by the Park and Rec and Community Development departments. Mark Parmenter included a draft 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 August 16th meeting.

Motion made by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Dan Wilkes to recommend to council to approve the installation of solar panel at Guthridge Park. Motion carried.

End of year report- Included all the accomplishments of the fiscal year 2017.

Reports:

- **Yoga in the Park:** Yoga will take place again before the Farmers Market at 10am on the First Sunday of the month in August and September. We had a great turnout in July and hope to continue a strong following.
- **Hiawatha Adventure Camp:** Hiawatha Adventure Camp is on their last week of camp! We have had a successful year and can't thank our staff enough for all their hard work and dedication to the kids. We had a full camp this year with 50 kids in both sessions. We will be looking at price adjustments for 2018 to make sure all our expenses are covered. Thank you to our Friends Foundation for assisting with program supplies and field trip expenses.
- **Fun Fest 2017: August 25-26th, 2017.** We need volunteers! Please gather your family and friends and donate a bit of our time to our community celebration! Koozies are going to be handed out at upcoming events to help market the occasion! We need help at the Kids Tractor Pull, Euro Bungee and kids activities. Let us know where you would like to help!
- **Tennis:** Session two has wrapped up and the final session of the year is in full swing. Two tots are learning the basics on Wednesdays from 4 to 4:45pm.
- **Blastball:** Blastball was extended an extra week after the Iowa weather through the teams a bone crushing curve ball and cancelled several of their scrimmages. No pinch hitters here, these three to five-year old's were at bat and ready to hit their very first dingers. Blastball is brought to the community by World Class Industries.

- **Movies under the Moon:** July 21st movie in the park was cancelled due to the crazy summer weather. We were unable to reschedule due to the equipment rental but will be ready for our next movie showing August 25th!
- **Kids Movie Night:** You know it's fall when Kids Movie Nights are back in the Community Center! Our first one of the season will take place September 8th at 6:30pm. The movie is yet to be determined.
- **Weekday Farmers Market:** We have chosen to cancel the weekday Farmers Market this year due to a long Hiawatha Kids League season and road construction in front of City Hall. We have made many changes to the Sunday market this year and will be waiting to see what location is best for the weekday market for 2018. Some suggestions were made for the current market such as no parking on one side of 10th Ave and to move the Handicap spots to the right of where they are currently
- **HiBRAI:** Join us for the 15th Annual Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa (HiBRAI) August 19 – 20! This 55-mile, intermediate bike ride will take us from Hiawatha south for an overnight stay at *Riverside Casino & Golf Resort* . HiBRAI has received a special rate for this event of $89.95 King or Double (usually **$169.95**)!!!**Don't miss out on this fun-filled charity ride to benefit the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation, a non-profit organization that supports children's programs and park updates offered by the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department**. Fully stocked rest stops will be frequent along this scenic route with snacks and lunches provided by many local sponsors and poolside happy hour upon arrival at the casino. The registration fee is $45/person, late registration is $60 after August 5th.
- **Music in the Park:** Bring your coolers and lawn chairs and enjoy the evening with family and friends at Hiawatha's Music in the Park! Concerts are from 6-9 and held at Guthridge Park. Concerts are sponsored by University of Iowa Community Credit Union.
- **Touch a Truck:** August 4th from 4pm to 6pm in the Guthridge Park parking lot. This community event provides families with the opportunity to learn about and explore trucks, construction vehicles, and public safety equipment that they know and love! Kids of all ages will climb, run around, sit in and even honk horns of many types of trucks and vehicles! Please bring a nonperishable food donation to help support HACAP!
- **NFL Punt Pass Kick:** Cancelled.
- **Fall Yoga:** We are going to continue to offer Gentle Yoga in the Community Center at 6pm on September 5th and 12th, October 3rd and 17th, November 14th and 21st and December 5th. Classes are $10 drop in or 5 classes for $40. September 5th, you are welcome to bring a friend with your paid registration! All fee and registration collections will be done by the instructor, Kayla Davis, to avoid in and out funds through Hiawatha's system.
- **Fall Soccer:** Fall soccer prepares players for organized soccer in a fun, non-competitive environment. Children will learn dribbling, kicking, passing, agility, teamwork and sportsmanship. Dates are September 12th through October 5th on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:15pm. Fall Soccer is sponsored by First Federal Credit Union.

- **Iowa State Fair:** Tickets are still available! Join the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation for a trip to the world famous Iowa State Fair. A proud tradition since 1854, the Iowa State Fair is included in the New York Times bestseller, 1000 Places to See Before You Die, and was the inspiration for the novel, State Fair, three motion pictures and a Broadway musical. Experience nearly 200 mouthwatering food choices, the famous Butter Cow, fabulous free entertainment and plenty of blue-ribbon competition. Fee: $30.00 per person includes Fair Ticket and Transportation Register online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iowa-state-fair-charter-trip-tickets-35975360271 or by cash or checks at Hiawatha City Hall. Checks can be made out to the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Friends Foundation. If under 18, must be accompanied by an adult.

  Pick-up/Drop off Location: Bus departs from Hiawatha City Hall at 8:00am and will return from Des Moines at 7:00pm

Motion by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Dan Gogel, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Deb Theis, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director

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