

AGENDA

HIAWATHA PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

March 9th, 2021

6:00pm. This Commission meeting will be conducted electronically through an electronic format due to the concerns regarding person-to-person transmission of the COVID-19 virus. You can join the Zoom meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84186562853> or +1 312-626-6799

1. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Approval of:
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes of past meetings – February 9th, 2021
3. Business:
 - a. Turtle Creek Park Phase 2
 - b. Guthridge and Tucker Park Equipment Options and Vote
 - c. Hiawatha Farmers Market COVID Policy 2021
4. Reports

Monthly Park and Recreation Updates

To: Park and Recreation Commission
CC: Mayor and City Council
From: Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: February 5th, 2021
Re: Park and Recreation Report

Turtle Creek Park Phase 2: The 3rd Turtle Creek Park Committee Meeting took place on March 2nd at 4:00pm via Zoom. MSA presented the committee with an updated concept based on the feedback from last month's meeting and survey response. Attached you will see a phase 2 concept, along with the final park concept. City staff communicated with MSA to find the best layout based on how the phases of the park would be developed. They determined that the placement of a future building would be better placed to the south so we can better utilize the north part of the property with the parking lot and trail that was installed in phase 1. The committee agreed with the updated concept and the amenities planned for Phase 2. As we progress through design, we will try to get as many amenities as possible while still staying under the budget. MSA will be providing the City with a design contract that will be taken to the March 17th council meeting for approval.

Guthridge and Tucker Park Playground Equipment Discussion: After February's Park Board Meeting, I went back to each company with the requests you had made for the structure options. Overall, the consensus was that a universal structure is key, so that everyone can enjoy playing regardless of their physical ability. You mentioned that the ramps were a great advantage, but you would also like the structure to have a little more height for children that are more mobile. We were able to come up with a completely different structure for Tucker that includes both options.

A Merry Go All was added as a side feature to the structure at Tucker for an added play option. We did not add any features to the Guthridge site due to budgeting and keeping a cushion of at least \$5,000.00 as directed. The proposed Guthridge structure also has an 8' height which allows for climbing and exploration. Having other play structures on the north end of the park allow to additional play features.

Both structures presented by Cunningham Recreation are inclusive with at least 50% ramps. The other half of the structure allows children with more mobility to explore and climb.

Below you will see the three options presented by Cunningham Recreation. It is my recommendation based on last months feedback to select Option 3 which consists of the new tower structure at Tucker Park with the Merry Go All along with the structure presented last month for Guthridge Park with the shade umbrellas. This option comes in \$8,151.24 under budget which allows for the most cushion. By selecting an option today, our prices will be locked in and we can avoid a \$13,317.64 increase that could potentially increase even more over the next few months. This would also allow playground install to happen sometime in July.

Option 1: \$447,271.39 – These are the options I shared with you at the last meeting. That's why you will not see a cushion on this quote.

Option 2: \$444,993.71 – Tim removed two of the roof panels on the Tucker Playground set to reduce the budget yet not change the overall layout of the structure. He also added a merry go all to the side that is an all-inclusive feature. The structure at Guthridge stayed the same due to keeping the budget where it is

at. This structure is already 50% all-inclusive which allows kids that have more mobility the options to explore and climb more. I made sure to ask about the colors and the concern about the heat. Tim clarified that color will not make a difference. If it is an 80- or 90-degree day, the structure will be hot no matter the color that is selected.

Option 3: \$441,848.76 – Tim swapped out the Tucker Park structure for a completely new structure that includes more height (10ft tower) and 50% ramps. This option has a 10ft tower option with more climbing features and slides, yet still have the inclusive ramps throughout with a merry go all on the side. The Guthridge Park structure has stayed the same.

	Commitment by March 31st	After March 31 st	Difference in Price
Option #1	\$447,271.39		
Option #2	\$444,993.71	\$458,311.35	\$13,317.64
Option #3	\$441,848.76	\$454,663.36	\$12,814.60

I have attached the three designs for you to compare.

Here is the play feature breakdown for all three structures:

Tucker Park Tower Structure-

- Climbers: 7
- Overhead: 2 (Set of Monkey Bars and Overhead Spinner)
- Slides: 5
- Play Panels: 11
- Rockers: 1 Large One (Rock N Raft)
- Balancing (Pod Steps and Balance Beams): 0
- Crawl Tunnels: 0
- Spinners: 1 Large One (Merry Go All)
- Total: 27

Tucker Park Ramped Structure-

- Climbers: 7
- Overhead: 2 (Therapeutic Rings for Children in a Wheelchair and Overhead Spinner)
- Slides: 4
- Play Panels: 11
- Rockers: 1 Large One (Rock N Raft)
- Balancing (Pod Steps and Balance Beams): 8
- Crawl Tunnels: 1
- Spinners: 1 Large One (Merry Go All)
- Total: 35

Guthridge Park Structure-

- Climbers: 6
- Overhead: 0 Technically, but the Splitter with Crag on the 8' deck will be used as an overhead event (On top of being a climber) by many kids.
- Slides: 7
- Play Panels: 8
- Rockers: 0
- Balancing (Pod Steps and Balance Beams): 7
- Crawl Tunnels: 1

- Spinners: 0
- Total: 29
- There are also 4 Shades in addition to what is listed above

I did reach out to Boland Recreation to see what his cost would be on tile surfacing since his designs were both based on poured in place. They do not install tiling and we would have to subcontract that out. The pricing came in slightly lower, but does not give us the inclusion we are looking for. I have not been overly impressed with the communication or designs that were put together so that is why I have chosen Cunningham. Cunningham has been very organized, has communicated well and provides the most inclusive play features in comparison to Boland Recreation. By approving one of these options tonight, your recommendation will be sent to council for approval at the March 17th meeting.

Hiawatha Farmers Market COVID Policy 2021: Spring is near which means the market will be starting soon! The first Farmers Market will take place on May 1st. This year we will have a lot of the same guidelines for vendors and visitors. We will only be accepting season vendors which allows us to know exactly which vendors we have each week. Vendors will be spaced out every other stall to provide social distancing and less congregating. Vendors will be required to wear a face mask when selling along with routine cleaning of their stalls. We will provide signage at the entry of the market recommending face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained. We have stayed in line with the Cedar Rapids and Marion Farmers Market Rules and Guidelines since we have many vendors that sell at those locations. Attached you will find our message to the Market Staff, Vendors and Visitors. Your approval, symbolizes your support of the rules and guidelines for our community.

Reports

Parks:

COVID Updates:

March: City Hall still closed to the public. Community Center continues to stay closed. Programming is limited with safety guidelines in place.

April: City Hall is open by appointment only. Community Center continues to stay closed. Limited programming with safety guidelines in place.

May: City Hall opens. Community Center opens with max capacity of 50. Programming limited with safety guidelines in place.

This plan is in effect as long as numbers continue to trend down.

Ice Rink: The ice rink was a huge hit for our community this year! We heard lots of positive feedback and look forward to bringing it back next winter. With the Spring weather upon us we have started draining the rink to get the tennis courts prepared for our users.

Tucker Park Trail Lighting: Trey Electric has installed the poles and light fixtures at Tucker Park. They will get the timing system installed over the next few weeks so the lights can operate.

Park Seasonal Posting: We have three seasonal Park Maintenance Positions open for the 2021 season. It is now posted on the city website under Job Opportunities. Please pass the word along to anyone you may know. It will be mowing season before we know it! 18 years and older.

Recreation:

Adventure Camp: Council approved the summer camp safety plan at the March 3rd meeting. Registration is now active and the job posting for counselors has been put on the City website. We have already began working on guest speakers and activities.

St Patrick's Day Craft Kits: These kits sold out in ten days! We're so happy with the community's response to this program. It gives both the participants and staff something to look forward to monthly!

Spring Craft Kits: We're putting our heads together to make fun spring themed craft kits! Be on the lookout for more information soon!

Egg My Yard: Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual Easter events due to COVID-19. So, Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Rec Foundation got creative and is egging Hiawatha Residents yards! Families will wake up Easter morning to eggs spread throughout their yard and a note from the easter bunny! The flyer has more information but packages range from \$15 to \$40! We're super EGG-cited for this event! Please spread the word!

Soccer: We're moving forward with summer events and programs! Registration is open and available. Teams will be smaller to reduce exposure and we'll ask that masks be worn when not actively playing.

Hiawatha Play by Play: Our first edition of the Hiawatha Play By Play went out in February and included craft kits, Farmers Market Vendor information, job opportunities, skating rink information, trail lighting at Clark Park and an FAQ section! We plan on sending these out monthly, around the 15th, by email. If you would did not receive an e-mail please let Ambyr know and she'll be sure to include you this month!