

AGENDA

HIAWATHA PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

May 13th, 2014

MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. *in Hiawatha City Hall Council Chambers.*

1. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Approval of:
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes of past meetings – April 1, 2014
3. Business:
 - a. Tennis Court Renewal
 - b. Bandshell Update
 - c. Seasonal Part-time Employees
 - d. Adventure Camp
4. Reports
 - Monthly Park and Recreation Update
5. Correspondence

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Hiawatha Parks and Recreation



To: Park and Recreation Commission
CC: Mayor and City Council
From: Kelly Friedl, Park and Recreation Director
Date: May 13, 2014
Re: Park and Recreation Report

Business:

- **Tennis Court Renewal:** As you may remember from last fall Angie went over some of the CIP projects for the upcoming fiscal year. One of the projects was to resurface the Guthridge Park basketball courts and install a new basketball court in Tucker Park. When we put up tennis nets this spring we noticed that our courts were starting to age. Ted Olson, Park Maintenance found when we last resurfaced them in 2005. This procedure was done by Tennis Services of Iowa located in Marion, Iowa. We had him go out and look at our Tennis Courts again and asked what he thought the repair cost would be. The total bid came in at 7,350.00.

When going back to look at the needs for the additional basketball court in Tucker park, I went back to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and found nothing specifically in regards to the community wanting a basketball court. I also looked at community surveys and looked at the wants that the community desired. I believe we need to focus on our needs right now and have our wants to follow. If we put off resurfacing the courts for another year the cracks may continue to get worse the price of the repair will increase.

- **Bandshell/Pavilion Update:** The Bandshell is under construction! The Building department approved all the plans on Thursday, April 16th. The first phase is completing the concrete base. The completion of the structure will follow.
- **Seasonal Part-time Employees:** We hired three part-time seasonal staff, one of which is our own Lynda Hembera along with her husband Bob Hembera. The Hembera's started on April 23rd. Alan Hanson is our third seasonal that worked last year and did exceptional work. We are happy to have all of our staff on board and know they will be a great asset to the department helping Rick and Ted.
- **Adventure Camp Staff:** Last week we went through the process of hiring our seasonal Adventure Camp Staff. We have two staff members who will return and four new applicants. Ambyr and myself have been working on the first session scheduling field trips and guest speakers. Our participation rates continue to increase as it gets closer to the deadline, we expect a full camp for session 1.

Recreation Updates:

Movies on the Square: The first Movies on the Square will take place on Friday, May 30th at 6:30p.m.. Tatyana's and Brickside are on board again by giving the Friends Foundation 25% of their sales. Walmart has also supplied \$100.00 to each of the movies for the purchase of hotdogs and brats. We are excited for our second year and hoping for the same weather as last year. May's movie will be Despicable Me 2 and will take place in the Boyson Square Parking lot with New York Life's Child ID program and other vendors. If any of you are available to help, it is a fun event to help out with!

Bike Rodeo and Parade: Come join us Friday, May 23th at Guthridge Park for Hiawatha's Bike Rodeo and Parade. This event will take place by the 7th avenue parking lot from 4:30-6:00p.m.. The kids will learn bicycle safety from the Hiawatha and Marion police! Kids will have the opportunity to decorate their bikes for the parade and the first 50 children will receive a FREE bike helmet provided by the Iowa Foundation for Justice! Come join the fun and start Memorial Day weekend off with the family! Bring your lawn chairs for the Large Midgets concert in the park to follow from 6:00-9:00p.m!

Labor Day Concert:

Live Healthy Iowa 5K Recap: Live Healthy Iowa was pleased to partner with the City of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation to host 1 of 10 5K races around the state of Iowa on April 12th, 2014 at 8:00am. The location for the race was held at Guthridge Park in the 10th Ave parking lot. This event highlighted National Public Health Week and wrapped up the conclusion of the Live Healthy Iowa (LHI) 10-Week Wellness Challenge. Awards were presented to the top finisher of the 5K Run Male and 5K Run Female. We also offered an award to the male and female who came closest to their guessed time as indicated on their registration form. All children who participated in the 1K following the race received a participation medal. This year we had over 355 participants register and couldn't have asked for a better turnout. Thank you Deb and Dan for coming out and helping at the event.

Easter Egg Hunt: We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th in Guthridge Park at 9:00a.m. We have over 5,000 eggs to distribute throughout the park. Frank Glaser will be letting us use his PA system again this year. Roasters Coffee and the Parks and Recreation Foundation gave \$250.00 to help sponsor this event.

Farmers Market: The first farmers market was on April 27th. We had over 40 vendors show up and directed everyone where to go. Dave Saari has been a big help in plotting the vendors and helping out at the Market every Sunday. Many vendors went through a rough winter with their produce and are waiting for a new round to sell.

Parks Update:

REM Iowa Volunteer Day:

Cedar Rapids Toyota Summer Truck: The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department received a 2010 Toyota Tacoma for the summer use provided by Cedar Rapids Toyota. CR Toyota provided this vehicle for a miniscule 1 dollar leasing cost to the City. The agreement starts in April and will be returned in October with the



City being responsible for insurance, fuel and maintenance. This very generous offer from Cedar Rapids Toyota is greatly appreciated and of vital importance to Parks Department's summer operations.

Tree City USA Award: City of Hiawatha: Tree City USA Recipient- The National Arbor Day Foundation and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Forestry Bureau are proud to announce that the City of Hiawatha has received the 2013 Tree City USA Growth Award at the 24th Annual Urban Forestry Awards Luncheon, held at the Stoney Creek Inn on April 3, 2014. State Forester Paul Tauke commented, “The Tree City USA Growth award is a symbol for communities who have made a commitment to the management of public trees.” The city of Hiawatha has provided an outstanding example for other Iowa communities, by enhancing our forest resources and demonstrating the great value of trees in providing multiple benefits for future generations. Hiawatha was one of 16 Iowa communities to qualify for Tree City USA Growth status. To receive the award a city must meet four minimum requirements in the following categories: 1) Education and Public Relations, 2) Partnerships, 3) Planning and Management, and 4) Tree Planting and Maintenance.



Rick and Ted the Park Maintenance guys have completed aerating and fertilizing. All the restrooms are open and splash pads are ready to go.

Paypal activity

FY14

	Sales	Fees	Net Revenue	# transactions
July	\$2,117.00	\$74.50	\$2,042.50	43
August	\$1,955.00	\$66.44	\$1,888.56	32
September	\$2,200.00	\$70.50	\$2,129.50	22
October	\$1,075.00	\$33.92	\$1,041.08	9
November	\$1,040.00	\$32.60	\$1,007.40	8
December	\$740.00	\$24.51	\$715.49	10
January	\$3,142.00	\$103.26	\$3,038.74	40
February	\$4,225.00	\$132.82	\$4,092.18	34
March	\$4,680.00	\$153.88	\$4,526.12	60
April			\$0.00	
May			\$0.00	
June			\$0.00	
Annual Total			\$20,481.57	