

AGENDA

HIAWATHA PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

July 12th, 2016

Neighborhood Feedback Session at Yellow at 5:00pm

Meeting will begin at 6:00pm

1. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Approval of:
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes of past meetings – April 12th, 2016
3. Business:
 - a. Park Social from 5-6pm
 - b. Request to move meetings to 5:30pm
4. Reports
Monthly Park and Recreation Updates

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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: June 14th, 2016
Re: Park and Recreation Report

Business:

- **Park Social:** We would like to try something new this year to gain residents input on our three parks. We have lined up socials during June, July and August at each of our parks for residents to come and fill out a short survey and visit with the parks commission and staff. We have not had any data collected since 2009 and would like to see what the community's wants and needs are. As a park board member we would like you to talk to the residents as they attend and see if they have any major concerns or feedback for future planning. I have mailed out postcards to the residents that live around each park. As staff, we will put together a report after to share with you what we have found. We hope we will gain some positive support from these events. We will have business to follow after the socials if needed.
- **Request to move meetings to 5:30pm:** Now that it is July we would like to revisit the idea of moving our commission meetings to 5:30pm. This would allow an extra half hour to spend with your families and friends in the evening.

Reports:

- **Learning Center:** The Learning Center is completed! Kennedy's art class did an amazing job! If you haven't seen it yet, stop by and take a look!
- **Memorial Bike Rodeo and Parade/Concert in the Park:** Many children showed up with their families to receive a free helmet thanks to Iowa League of Justice and learn bike safety

with officers from Hiawatha Police Department. Children also decorated their bikes and paraded around Guthridge Park led by a bike officer! Unfortunately, the concert was cancelled due to the weather but we hope to have the Swamp Cats back in the future!

- **Adventure Camp Session 1:** 46 kids are in Adventure Camp this session. Fun trips and speakers are planned such as, KCRG Weather Lab, HACAP food reservoir, ice skating, Collins Road Theatre, Hiawatha Care Center, AirFX and more! Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation is sponsoring Adventure Camp's field trips and speakers.
- **Adventure Camp Session 2:** 31 kids have signed up for second session so far. I'm sure that number will increase as parents remember to sign up for second session.
- **Hiawatha Soccer:** 155 players and coaches signed up for our Hiawatha Soccer League this summer! First Federal Credit Union sponsored soccer this year and sent volunteers out to help with picture day. They also printed our coaching manuals. We are excited to work with them again for our fall league.
- **Hiawatha Blastball:** 108 players and coaches are all set to play Blastball starting July 11th. We have many first year coaches that are excited to be involved in the program. T-shirts are adorable this season from Jonnie Five Apparel.
- **Yoga in the Park:** 13 yoga enthusiasts showed up at Guthridge park for our first Yoga in the Park of the year on June 6th. We hope this continues to grow into a great event!
- **Farmers Markets:** Hiawatha's Weekday Farmers Market has been going very well! KMRY came out and broadcast live to their listeners from the market! Dawn has been doing a great job running it. We're very thankful. Hopefully it continues to grow to be as established and reputable as the Sunday Market.
- **Vino Van Gogh:** "Freedom Flying" took place in the Community Center June 9th. There were six participants. Paintings turned out amazing!
- **Hiawatha Fun Fest:** The next Hiawatha Fun Fest meeting will be on July 11th at 5:30pm in the Red Pavilion. It's coming down to the last few weeks and we could really use your help!
- **Ride to Wrigley:** Cardinals beat the Cubs 7-2 but overall the trip was a win in our book! We learned a lot on our inaugural trip and look forward to making it even better next year!
- **Tennis:** Session one and two had ten students sign up for tennis lessons in Guthridge Park. We are establishing a great relationship with Westfield's administrators and instructors as well as registrants in the program. Don't forget! We offer adult lessons if you're interested!
- **Volleyball:** Adult, High-School and Youth programs are going well. We are hoping to get new nets for the courts next year.
- **Movies under the Moon:** Our inaugural Movies under the Moon takes place on July 15th! Facebookers have chosen Zootopia as our first movie! Kiwanis will be in attendance selling grilled food, Kona Ice will be selling snow cones and there will also be a face painter! Since it will be dark when the movie starts, we might be buying glow sticks for the kids also! We may need help with set up and tear down if anyone would be available!
- **Kickball:** Gather your best team of friends, family, co-workers and take yourself back to recess with the exciting new Adult Kickball Tournament. Teams will be guaranteed a minimum of two games in this double elimination tournament. Teams will be randomly placed into a double elimination-style bracket. Games will take place wither at Lowe Park in

Marion or here at Guthridge. Minimum of six teams to hold the tournament. Minimum of 8 maximum of 20 players per team. Teams are to register by July 15th. Fee is \$50 per team.

- **Discount Amusement Park Tickets:** Buy your amusement park tickets at City Hall! The following are available for purchase: Noah's Ark in Winsconsin Dells, Six Flags St. Louis and Great America, Valley Fair in Shakopee, Minnesota, Worlds/Oceans of Fun, Lost Island and Blank Park Zoo.
- **HiBRAI** – August 13th and 14th is Hiawatha's Bike Ride around Iowa. Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation have been busy planning for this ride. Benefits from the ride support Adventure Camp's field trips and speakers.
- **Music in the Park:** Every Friday in August from 6 to 9pm
 - August 5th – Compass Rose Band with Touch a Truck before from 4 to 6pm
 - August 12th – Brass Transit Authority
 - August 19th – Copperhead Creek
 - August 26th – Past Masters with Movie in the Park to follow!

Parks:

- **Mulching:** The parks staff mulched all the playground equipment on Thursday, July 7th. We are crossing our fingers for no more heavy rainouts this year.
- **Kids League:** Kids Leagues last tournament will be on July 8-9th. We have been very happy with the partnership and how well they maintain the fields and up keep of the concession stand. I have made sure to walk through all Linn County Public Health Inspections with them, so there are no surprises in updates or needs.
- **City Tree Inventory:** The Parks and Public Work Department are close to completion of the city tree inventory. We will submit them to the Iowa DNR to insert into their GIS system as well as our own and look at the data that we collected. We have learned quite a bit through this whole experience with the Sustainable Tree Grant.

NEIGHBORS OF TUCKER PARK WE WOULD LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK!

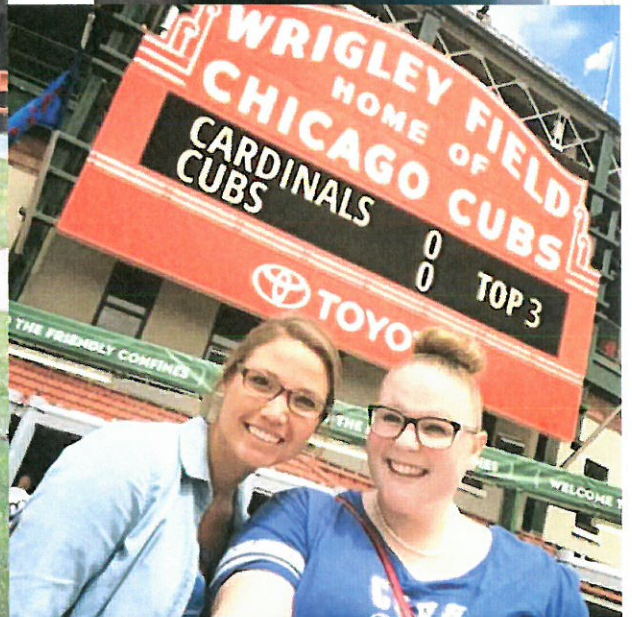
Join us on **Tuesday, July 12th** at the Tucker Park **Yellow Pavilion** between **5:00pm-6:00pm**.

The City of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Commission would love to hear your feedback on the Parks and Recreation opportunities, what we are doing well, what can we improve on and the vision for the future!

We will have a short survey to fill out while you enjoy a frozen treat on us! Bring your family, friends and neighbors and come play at the park!



See you there!





MOVIES

UNDER THE MOON



Located at Guthridge Park (Brown Pavilion)
Movies shown at dusk (approx. 8:30 PM)



YOU PICKED IT!

Disney

ZOOTOPIA

Where: Brown Pavilion at Guthridge Park

When: Friday, July 15th

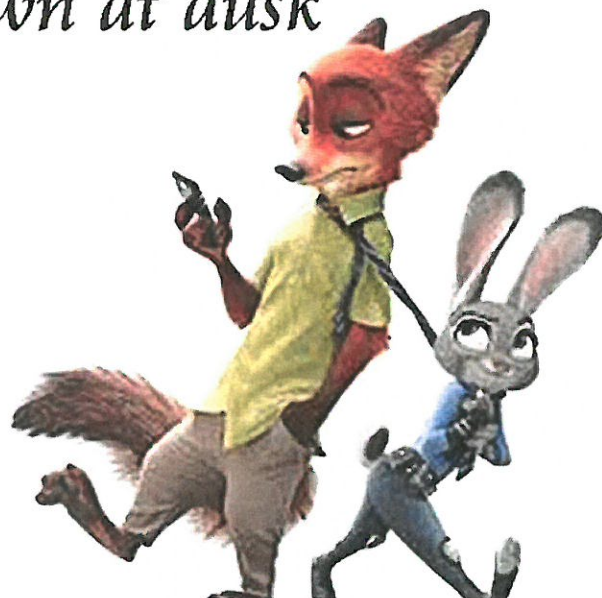
Time: 7:00 p.m. movie shown at dusk

FREE Popcorn!
Beverages for Purchase!
Kona Ice in Attendance!

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Music

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IN THE park

August 5th

Compass Rose Band

Jimmy Buffet cover band that also plays a lot of upbeat classic rock & country tunes.

August 12th

Brass Transit Authority

BTA consists of the areas finest musicians, bringing you the music of Chicago, Blood Sweat & Tears, Van Morrison and more!

August 19th

Copperhead Creek

Country cover band playing a blend of todays country, topped off with classic rock favorites.

August 26th

Past Masters

If you like to dance, this is your show! Playing 60's and 70's pop dance music. "They play what others won't!" 100% Dance Music, 100% of the time!



Food concessions available for purchase by
Hi-CREW Kiwanis!

