

**Hiawatha Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2020**

Charles Uthe called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m. virtually via Google Meet. Present: Charles Uthe, Chris Klostermann, Heather Gibson, Dan Wilkes. Absent: Michelle McIllece Employees: Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation Kim Downs, City Administrator and Ambyr Severson, Administrative Coordinator.

Motion by Chris Klostermann, second by Dan Wilkes to approve the July 7 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Chris Klostermann to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020. Motion carried.

Clark and Tucker Park Trail Lighting: Willadsen advised that the department has been working on the lighting projects in Tucker and Clark Park. The plan for Clark consists of pedestrian pole lighting with bollards displayed by each bench along with the access points of the trail. These will give Clark more dimension and character. Tucker Park would utilize the same pedestrian pole lighting without the bollards since they will only be installed on the back half of the Park where it is the darkest.

Mayor Bennett has poles from Coralville that will be donated or sold to the City – this is still being discussed with the City Attorney to make sure all legalities are taken care of. This donation or purchase will save the City money on this project as poles cost an estimated \$500-\$600 apiece. Willadsen and Downs inspected the poles and they're in great shape. Willadsen explained that option number two option would add a beautification feature and won't make the parks look like parking lots.

Wilkes wanted to make sure that this project is not over illuminating the parks and was concerned with the lights being spaced at 100ft. He asked if they could be spaced further apart and if the current plans comply with the low light ordinance. Downs explained that it does comply with the ordinance. She repeated that the City doesn't want the park to look like a parking lot but wants to ensure safety for those using the trail. If the poles were placed further than 100ft apart it would create dark spots. She added that this project is not only for liability but created because the citizen survey implied that this is a high priority base on the information received.

Wilkes asked what the longevity of the equipment is. Downs replied that they're similar to street lights. Only lightbulbs or fixtures would need to be maintained.

Willadsen added that the original project had included solar lighting which would cost a fortune to maintain compared to the current plans. This option is much more efficient than solar.

Klostermann added that the project was well thought out and that he was impressed it came in under budget.

Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Chris Klostermann to follow through with Shive Hattery's Option #2 for Clark and Tucker Park. Motion carried.

Park Reports: Willadsen explained that park rentals began July 1st. Rules were updated with COVID information and sent out to all renters. Signage has been posted on all restrooms urging guest to practice good hand hygiene and continue to social distance and wear a mask whenever possible. So far, we have not had any issues and rentals are going well.

She invited the commission that the Dog Park Ribbon Cutting on August 5th at noon.

Recreation Reports: Hiawatha Community Center has its first rental July 18th. The facility is set up for less than 50% capacity with tables and chairs secured in the storage closet. Renters have been notified of COVID guidelines as provided by Linn County Public Health and the State. Hand sanitizing stations have been added as well.

Blastball starts July 13th. We have teams of 6 or less. The parents and coaches have been great to work with. We're looking forward to an awesome season.

Pop-up Drive-in Movie featuring Ferdinand is July 17th in the Kirkwood Regional Center Parking Lot. Parking starts at 8pm and the movie starts at 9pm. Register at Eventbrite if you'd like to come!

Additional Business: Uthe asked how the carry in/carry out trash has been going in the parks. Willadsen answered that there honestly haven't been too many issues. There will always be trash but it's such a timesaver to not have to change bags daily. There are dumpsters at Tucker and Guthridge that people are welcome to use but unfortunately there's no safe place for them at Clark. The first rental was July 4th which made it difficult with illegal use of fireworks but it's been smooth sailing since.

Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Chris Klostermann, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Charles Uthe, Vice Chair

ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation
