

**Hiawatha Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
March 10, 2020**

Michelle McIllece called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Hiawatha Council Chambers. Present: Michelle McIllece, Chris Klostermann, Charles Uthe. Absent: Dawn Ewoldt, Dan Wilkes. Employees: Ambyr Severson, Administrative Coordinator and Kim Downs, City Administrator. Guests: Dan Hoffmann.

Motion by Charles Uthe, second by Chris Klostermann to approve the March 10, 2020 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Charles Uthe, second by Chris Klostermann, to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019. Motion carried.

Elect Chairs: Chair and Vice Chair's terms have ended for the 2019 year. Recommendations were made to nominate Michelle McIllece as Chair, she accepted. Recommendations were made to nominate Charles Uthe as the Vice Chair. He accepted.

Motion by Charles Uthe, second by Chris Klostermann to elect Michelle McIllece as Chairperson for the 2020 year. Motion carried.

Motion made by Michelle McIllece, second by Chris Klostermann to elect Charles Uthe as Vice Chairman for the 2020 year. Motion carried.

2020 Park Commission Meeting Dates: Motion by Charles Uthe, second by Chris Klostermann to accept the 2020 meeting dates as printed. Motion carried.

2020 Volunteer Sign-Up Events:

Easter Scramble- Chris, Michelle (maybe)

Easter Egg Hunt- Michelle, Chris, Charles

Blastball Pictures – Michelle, Chris

Family Campout – Michelle

Movies under the Moon – Charles (maybe)

Hiawatha Fun Fest – Michelle, Chris, Charles (all maybes)

Teal Trunk or Treat – Michelle, Chris (all maybes)

Reindeer Run – Michelle, Chris, Charles (all maybes)

Cedar Rapids Metro Disc Golf Club Use Agreement: Severson explained that Cedar rapids Metro Disc Golf Club has had a great relationship with the department over the years helping with projects that staff may not be able to get to right away due to their other duties. This agreement would allow the club to maintain the course at its own expense for projects they deem necessary, with permission of the department. Klostermann added that as a former disc golfer himself he knows the extra pin locations will be great to have and this agreement will free up city staff so it's good all around. McIllece agreed. Uthe added that as long as the club isn't bringing any heavy machinery that would tear up the park then it's a great plan.

Motion by Chris Klostermann, second by Charles Uthe to recommend to Council to approve the Cedar Rapids Metro Disc Golf Club Use Agreement. Motion carried.

Naming Options for the NW Park: Downs advised that the naming of the newest park in Hiawatha is a unique situation as the land was not donated and does not have naming rights. Turtle Creek is the small body of water that runs through the park. Because of that it's all about turtles in that area. The streets are Caspian, Fitzroy, Diamondhead and Diamondback, to name a few, which are all types of turtles. Downs added that the name should be creative, easily identifiable and unique to the area. McIllece informed the board that she's not in love with Creekside or Creekview. Turtle Creek is logical and fits the theme. Klostermann said that the only turtles he's familiar with are snappers and Teenage Mutant and that he appreciated Downs explanation. He added that his vote would be Turtle Creek. It's logical and fits with the theme. McIllece added that she likes that it's taking advantage of the natural topographical area.

Motion by Charles Uthe, second by Michelle McIllece to recommend to council to name the NW Park Turtle Creek Park. Motion carried.

NW Park Update and Phasing: Downs informed the board that at last presented the park was at almost a million-dollar project. The council went through the capital improvement plan to decide what to bond for and they've decided to extend the phases of the park. The plan is to extend Fitzroy Road, grade everything, add a culvert, rock the road until next fiscal year and add a half mile of trail rock. Grating will be done for soccer fields and pond area and a small parking lot will be added. FY22 will include asphalt and concrete. A rock trail from subdivisions will be included to allow a safe place to walk for both residents and their pets. There are discussions whether this will be an eight-foot trail or ten-foot trail. The park is projected to be completed in FY29.

Reports: Severson encouraged the board to share the Easter Scramble 5k on social media to encourage their friends to participate in the race. She let them know that Kelly is working on hiring seasonal staff if they knew of anyone interested to send them her way. And that the Ride to Wrigley is starting to sell tickets if anyone was interested.

Motion by Chris Klostermann, second by Charles Uthe, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Michelle McIllece, Chairperson

ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation
