

Hiawatha Parks and Recreation

Regular Meeting

September 8th, 2015

President Dawn Ewoldt called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present: Lynda Hembera, Deb Thies, Dawn Ewoldt, Bill Hornett, Dan Wilkes. Employees: Kelly Friedl, Parks and Recreation Director, Ambyr Young, Recreation Coordinator.

Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Lynda Hembera to approve the September 8th, 2015 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Deb Thies, second by Bill Hornett to approve the minutes of July 14th, 2015. Motion carried.

Business:

Sealing Clark Park- City Council has allocated \$13,000 in CIP funds for FY 15 for the sealing of Clark Park and the trail. The scope of the project will include crack sealing, Sealer Binder, and striping for Clark's parking lot with trail. Tucker and Guthridge Park was completed in FY13, and all of the bidding companies have mentioned that they are still in good shape. We will put them on the agenda for FY18.

As you can see from the bid tabulation Hiawatha Parks and Recreation received four bids. Gee Asphalt Systems bid \$9,752.00 with a GSB78/88 product of one coat. Kluesner Construction, Inc. bid \$5,444.00 with a Sealmast polymer rubberized sealant D-3405 with two coats. Pate Asphalt's bid came in at \$5,895.00 with Sealmast D-3405 same as Kluesner. TikorBlack bid \$6,313.00 with EnduraSeal TR an Emulsified Asphalt Base Sealer.

Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation sat down with Rick Wolfe, Head of Parks and Recreation Maintenance and recommend going with a different sealer binder this year since there wasn't a huge difference in Gees product in FY13. With the cost of Kluesner almost half as much as Gee, they found it more beneficial to go with a two coat product and save some funding since that parking lot doesn't get as much attention as Guthridge Park. The Streets Department has recently used Kluesner on a project and has had no problems with the work they have done.

Kelly Willadsen, Director, recommended for commission to approve Kluesner for the sealing of Clark Park this fall with two coats of polymer rubberized sealant at \$5,444.00. Lynda Hembera mentioned that she wanted to stay local and Bill Hornett agreed. Deb Thies

asked if the City has ever used Pate and had any problems with them? Kelly did not recall any problems with them in the past.

Motion was made by Bill Hornett, second by Lynda Hembera to recommend to have Kelly Willadsen, Director, look to see if it would be allowed to ask Pate to match Kluesner's price. If matching the price followed regulation the would go with Pate. If not, they would motion to accept the lowest bid, Kluesner's. Motion carried.

City Event for 2016- Mayor Tom Thies and City Administrator, Kim Downs would like to get started on planning a City event for 2016. They would like to get as many local organizations involved to help the planning process, two of which include HiCREW Kiwanis and the Friends Foundation. Kelly Willadsen has been in contact with Larry Shepard from the Lions Club and mentioned that if they would like to be involved we could definitely work something out.

Ideally, Park Board would be on the Advisory Committee to help plan this event since it will likely be in one of our parks. We would like to draft up some ideas before the end of the year so we can get a head start on things. Right now we are thinking of a one to two day event that showcases our City and gets the residents out and about. Rod Jasa and I would like to set up a meeting with the board on September 22nd, 5:30pm at Zeppelins to organize our thoughts with the Kiwanis Club and the Friends Foundation. Dan Wilkes mentioned that he likes the idea of getting more non-profits involved.

Park Updates:

- **Vandalism-** Unfortunately you might have heard on KCRG that we had vandalism in Guthridge Park in the middle of August. One week we had the Green Pavilion drinking fountain vandalized by skate boarders, and the next week we have graffiti written all over the Green Pavilion and around the park equipment. Kelly Willadsen, Director, looking to see what other City's do in regards to surveillance to see if it would be worth adding cameras to our parks. Bill Hornett mentioned placing signs in the parks that explain how much money has been spent on repairing the damage and asking patrons to report vandalism if they see it. Deb Thies said she's been saying for years that we need to get some kind of camera.
- **Wifi-**Guthridge, Tucker and Clark Park now have Wifi provided by IMON Communications. This allows our guests to access internet for up to two hours per day. We initially were looking into options during RAGBRAI so that our cell phone service would have no issues. IMON came to us wanting to partner and the City decided to move forward with a five year contract. The City departments can access internet without coming all the way to City Hall to download.

Recreation Updates:

- **Touch a Truck** – This event took place on August 7th in the 10th avenue parking lot of Guthridge before the Shock Doktor concert. It went very well! The kids had a lot of fun honking and getting inside their favorite vehicles. A few that we'd like to add for next year is a postal vehicle, school bus and some sort of big construction equipment. Dawn Ewoldt mentioned that her sister works for a company that might be willing to bring something big.
- **HiBRAI** – 160 riders rode from Hiawatha to Riverside and back the weekend of August 15th in impressive heat. We've heard back from a lot of them through survey monkey and they were very happy with the ride overall. Their favorite parts of the ride were the poolside party, brunch on Sunday and the reasonable rate. They are very interested in another fall ride.
- **Kids Movie Night** – We have two scheduled movie nights this fall, September 11th and November 13th. Unfortunately, we will now be charged for them at upwards of \$100. The Motion Picture License we currently hold does not cover scheduled showings as previously understood. As it turns out the license we have covers unscheduled, non-advertised showings. For example, it covers showing a movie to Adventure Camp on a rainy day. We have decided on Space Jam for September and Inside Out for November.
- **Zumba** – Back in Line is once again sponsoring a FREE Zumba class on September 17th from 6 to 7pm. Zumba is a latin dance class that can burn 700 calories while having fun and shakin' what you've got! If you've never tried it before come on out!
- **Parents Night Out** – October 9th and December 13th will be our next Parent's Night Out. We are offering to keep kids K-5th grade for their parents so they can enjoy a few hours to themselves. Children will eat dinner, do crafts and watch movies from 5:30 – 8:30pm for an all inclusive \$10. Registration is limited to 20 kids but has to have a minimum of 6 to hold this event.
- **Special Needs Dance** – Barber's Etc. will once again hold a special needs dance on October 16th in the Hiawatha Community Center. Participants will dance, laugh and hang out with friends while enjoying refreshments. Dawn Ewoldt requested more information regarding this event.
- **Playing for Keeps** – On October 24th from 6 to 9pm residents will gather in the Community Center for a live and silent auction to benefit our children's summer programs and park projects. Dawn and Deb will volunteer and Dawn may have a donation.
- **Fall Festival** – Our first Fall Festival will take place October 25th during the last farmers market of the year. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes and trick or treat around to vendors, decorate pumpkins, apple bob and participate in a costume contest by HiCREW Kiwanis.

Dawn Ewoldt had two additional items of business. She is interested in having a Thursday Farmers Market. She has talked to Dave Saari who stated that there are at least 12 vendors who would participate. Kelly Willadsen, Director, added that she likes the idea of adding another market but would need to figure out where and what months to have it because

Hiawatha Kids League takes up most of the parking at Guthridge during their season and the other parks may not be big enough. City Hall was mentioned but would need to address Mayor Tom Thies about it. Dawn is also interested in having an indoor market during the winter months with baked goods. She mentioned having it once or twice a month and that vendors would have to pay to have a table. These events are something we can consider to add to our brochure for 2016.

Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Deb Thies, to adjourn at 7:05PM. Motion carried.

Dawn Ewoldt, Chairperson

ATTEST: Kelly Friedl, Parks and Recreation Director
