

AGENDA

HIAWATHA PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

November 10th, 2015

MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers

1. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Approval of:
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes of past meetings – October 13th, 2015
3. Business:
 - a. Kiwanis Request for 2016 Concessions
 - b. Community Center Increase Effective January 1st
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: November 10th, 2015
Re: Park and Recreation Report

Business:

- **Proposal from HiCREW Kiwanis for concessions at Music in the Park:** Please see the attached proposal from Hi-CREW Kiwanis for selling concession at Music in the Park. Hi-CREW Kiwanis sold at Music in the Park and met all the requirements set by this policy.
- **Community Center Increase 2016:** With the Community Center continuing to get rented every weekend we would like to increase the rental rate for 2016. Since we added the non-resident rate we have not seen a decrease in rentals but an increase from the surrounding cities. Over 2015 we had 231 rentals total, 104 out of Hiawatha, 44 which were City affiliated events, 77 from Cedar Rapids, 15 out of Marion and 35 from surrounding cities. With that said we would like to increase the non-resident and resident fee \$25.00 to make the costs for the facility as stated below:

Resident: \$150 per rental/\$225 all day

Non-Resident: \$175 per rental/\$250 all day

We don't believe this will affect our rentals, it will help us stay average in price compared to other cities and the amenities we offer.

Recreation Updates:

- **City Event for 2016-** Meeting will be on Monday, November 9th in the Hiawatha Community Center at 5:30pm. Please come if you are available.

- **Special Needs Dance** – Barber’s Etc. held their special needs dance on October 16th in the Hiawatha Community Center. Participants danced, laughed and hung out with friends while enjoying refreshments.
- **Playing for Keeps** – On October 24th from 6 to 9pm about fifty people gathered in the Hiawatha Community Center for our last Playing for Keeps event. After expenses, about \$2,000 was raised to help fund Adventure Camp next year. Being the last year for this event it went rather well. We were very happy with the turn out and glad everyone enjoyed it.
- **Fall Festival** – Our first Fall Festival took place on October 25th during the last farmers market of the year. Nearly 300 Children wore their costumes and many of them participated in the costume contest sponsored by Hi-Crew Kiwanis. Amongst the winners were a headless butler, mardigras skeleton and an incredible astronaut costume made of duct tape. Children also decorated pumpkins sponsored by Strawberry Acres and Bloomsbury Farms, bobbed for apples sponsored by Allen’s Orchard, and participated in a coloring contest sponsored by Awaken Family Chiropractic. The New Horizons Band was kind enough to perform a concert in the Band shell. Overall, it was a wonderful day and we’re looking forward to it next year!
- **Kids Movie Night** – Our next Kids Movie Night will be on November 13th at 6:30pm. We are excited to be showing Inside Out! As always, we will have free popcorn and juice and everyone will have an opportunity to win a t-shirt!
- **Cork n Canvas Iowa** – Cork n Canvas will be November 19th at 6pm. We will be painting a cute pair of love birds. \$35 per person includes all paint supplies and a 16x20 canvas. Minimum of 8 participants in order to hold the class and 25 participant maximum. We have decided to go with a different company for next year’s paintings. The company is Vino Van Gogh and they have franchises throughout the Midwest. Cork N Canvas Iowa has done a great job, we just wanted a fresh look.

Park Updates:

- Park restrooms are now closed for the season. The restrooms were shut down the first week of November. There are no park rentals left for the season. We had a great season and are already getting rentals in for 2016.