



# HIAWATHA PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm

**Commission meetings will be conducted electronically through an electronic format until further notice due to the concerns regarding person-to-person transmission of the COVID-19 virus.**

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## **1. Call to Order - Roll Call**

## **2. Approval of:**

**a. Agenda**

**b. Minutes of Past Meetings**

## **3. Business**

### **a. Clark and Tucker Park Trail Lighting**

We have been working with Shive Hattery on the two trail lighting projects in Tucker and Clark Park. Attached you will find the renderings for Clark Park along with two different options. We would like to recommend moving forward with option #2 as it gives Clark Park more dimension and character with both bollard and pole lighting intertwined. As a reminder, we currently have \$350,000.00 set aside in CIP for the completion of these two parks. The anticipated bid amount for option #2 still comes in below budget at \$330,590.00.

In Clark Park we would place bollard lighting at the entry points of the trail along with each side of the benches, and 10ft pedestrian pole lights spaced 100 ft apart around the circumference of the trail. The reason we like option #2 the best, is that we don't want Clark park to look like a parking lot from a distance, we want the lighting to be a safety element but also a beautification element to Clark.

Tucker Park would consist of the same pedestrian pole lighting as Clark Park. These lights will be place 100ft apart along the back half of the trail. With the mature oak trees this will help illuminate the trail where it is the darkest, helping eliminate any negative behavior while providing more safety for our trail users.

Based on your approval of the aesthetics of option #2, Shive Hattery will complete final plans and go out for bid by the middle of August. This will be an exciting project to complete!

## **4. Reports**

**a. Parks**

Park Rentals: 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.

Basketball Court Replacement: The basketball court replacement project is on Pate Asphalts schedule to beginning in the next three weeks. We hope to have the project completed by the end of August.

Turtle Creek Park Bid Opening: The Turtle Creek Park bid opening took place on June 23rd. Bids came in below budget awarding the contract to Peterson Contractors, Inc. for a total of \$466,778.00. John Bender, the City Engineer, is working on securing a temporary easement with the Taylor family for the movement of the utility poles. Work should begin soon!

REAP Grant: We will be working with East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) on the Resource Enhancement and Protection Grant (REAP), a competitive grant to help cover funding for Turtle Creek Park Phase 1. Hiawatha could earn up to \$100,000.00 based on our population size. The grant is due August 15th.

Hiawatha Dog Park Ribbon Cutting: The Dave Wright Family Dog Park ribbon cutting will take place on August 5th at 12:00pm. After the completion of the ribbon cutting we will open the park up to the public! It has been a long time coming, and we are excited to finally see the end in site! We have had many phone calls and emails awaiting the opening.

**b. Recreation**

Hiawatha Community Center: We will be starting Community Center rentals July 18th. The facility will be set up with less than 50% capacity for a total allowed seating of 80. All other tables and chairs have been secured in the storage closet. Renters have been notified of the COVID guidelines as provided by Linn County Public Health and the State. If users cannot follow guidelines, we will revert back to closing the facility. Mark Parmenter, the City Attorney has looked over our rental information and has recommended we display the rules and guidelines at the entrance points of the facility. We will also have hand sanitizer stations available for guests when they enter. We hope to see rentals take place in a safe and manageable fashion as we would like to keep the facility operating.

Hiawatha Kansas Pen Pals: Pairs have been made and first letters have been

sent! We are excited to see how this goes!

Blastball: Blastball starts July 13th! Teams are no bigger than 6 kids per team. Attached you'll see the rules we've asked participants and spectators to follow.

Pop-Up Drive-in Movie featuring Ferdinand: Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Rec are sponsoring a drive-in movie on July 17th! Parking starts at 8PM and Ferdinand begins at 9PM. Register your vehicle at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) Volunteers are needed if you're willing to help!

HiBRAI: Hiawatha's Bike Ride Around Iowa is looking a little different this year. Surveys were sent to past years participants to see what they would be comfortable with doing or if we should cancel it. Results came back that they were interested in having the event so we've moved forward but with quite a few changes. Instead of a two-day bike ride with an overnight stay at Riverside, we've changed it to a HiBRAI Half; a one-day ride to Solon and back. Registration is \$25 with t-shirts and lunch included. Register at [imathlete.com](https://www.imathlete.com)

## **5. Adjourn**

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