

Hiawatha Parks and Recreation



To: Park and Recreation Commission
CC: Mayor and City Council
From: Angie Cole, Park and Recreation Director
Date: September 4, 2012
Re: Park and Recreation Report

Hiawatha Kids League Request for Guthridge Park base ball diamonds

Please see the request form Rick Sizemore for Guthridge Park ball diamonds. These dates will work on the calendar with the normal exception of Hog Wild Days June 16-26.

Capital Improvement Plan

The following items were approved by Council in the CIP:

FY14 - CLARK PARK - GSB Gilsonite application on the east side parking lot and complete trail to preserve the asphalt \$13,000

FY 14 - GUTHRIDGE PARK - Removal of 4 ft. sidewalk on Emmons St. from 10th Ave to 7th Ave. Replace with 8ft. Concrete trail. Currently we are applying for a Safe Routes to School Grant. If the grant does not get awarded this will be our back up plan \$17,000.00. GUTHRIDGE PARK - Flag pole/patio cement reconstruction with stamped concrete and planter around flag pole. The cement around the new flag pole area is cracked and in bad shape. Reconstruction of the area is recommended of repair. \$15,000.00.

GUTHRIDGE PARK – new pavilion/stage \$50,000

Boyson Road Trail was put in the CIP in four phases:

- PHASE 1A is FY14 – 15th to 18th Ave;\$95,000
- PHASE 1B – FY 15 is 12th to 15th Ave- \$100,000;
- PHASE 1C FY 16 is Miller Rd. to 18th Ave – \$80,000;
- PHASE 2 FY17 is 12th Ave to N. Center Point Rd (bridge)-\$ 710,338

At the CIP Council meeting discussion was held regarding the phases of Fay M Clark Memorial Park. Council would of liked to have seen specific years put on the projects at Clark Park. After discussion of the phases, Dick Ransom expressed his concern for the entrance way off Miller Road. Please see the memo from Hall and Hall Engineering, Dick Ransom regarding the Clark Park projects. At the Council meeting it was stated that the curve on Miller Road is a 90 degree curve that presents a safety issue for a higher density of traffic. Ransom did not recommend this development. Part of a commercial lot would be needed to put in the entrance (as sited on the map) and that the other adjoining land owner may not be willing to sell property to the city. It was suggested not to put in this entrance until Edgewood Road is closer to development. Discussion from Council in the meeting suggested the NW area of the newly annexed territory may be a better location for this high of a financial investment (nearing 1.5 million for the Clark Park Project). From this I would recommend allocating funds into the CIP for purchase of park land. I am including in the packet a copy of the MSA Plan for future use and the Comprehensive Plan done by the City.

Items to be discussed at this meeting will be if the Commission would like to

1) reconstruct the Clark Park plan with a new entrance a) keep the projects as listed b) put a smaller lot with play equipment c) allow for future expansion of the park in 2018

2) budget for park land in the NW territory of the City and what type of park to locate there a)larger area for lodge setting b) neighborhood park

We will need to put a plan together for these options including when we'd like to see them done and why. We should have a target date to have this plan done to present to City Council.

PARK UPDATE:

GSB Preservation of Tucker and Guthridge Parks was done including crack sealing, Gilsonite Sealer Binder, and striping for Tucker Park parking lot with trail and Guthridge Park parking lot 10th Ave, N. 7th and 8th Ave and the trail. This was done by Gee Asphalt Systems for \$30,099.00 with a GSB78/88 product.

Branching Out Tree Grant - In July 2012, Hiawatha was awarded a grant for \$7,500 for Phase C of the Landscape Plan for N. Center Point Road. Hughes Nursery and Landscaping had the low bid for trees and installation of trees in Phase C of this project. We will be planting trees this month.

GIS System: Months ago I met with DNR and discussed that they could help with a tree inventory inventory that would be completed by 2014. With the leaves falling off the trees we will not be starting this project with DNR until May of next year. We are working to create a GIS system to share information to create a system that is organized and user friendly for all city departments.

RECREATION UPDATE:

We received 18 applications for the Recreation Coordinator position. Nine of these were sent written interviews to answer 6 questions regarding the experience, education and ideas for this position. Next we will select applicants to interview.

Plans are going great for our new special events: *Halloween Bash October 27th*

I have been working with the CR Titans who have recently took location at the SportsZone located on N.

18th Avenue in Hiawatha (located next to Fay M Clark Memorial Park). We have partnered on the following events which occur on the same day. With this we are in need of volunteers! With our partnership Hiawatha Parks and Recreation is listed on the Halloween Bash flyer and we will put up a banner for the event. For the day time event we'll need help with set up, bouncy house, bobbing for apples and maybe popcorn. For the evening event we'll need help with collecting tickets at the door, beer and food sales. Any amount of time you can help out is great. You are welcome to dress in costume if you wish.

Drive In Movie Theater I have been researching the needs and expenses to put together a Drive In Movie Theater in Hiawatha. At this point the selected location is a screen on the South side of the New York Life building. We are still in the planning stages and hope to have confirmation so that this can be advertised in our 2013 Activity Brochure.

Our first *Kids Movie Night* of the season played September 14th with Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax*. We had roughly 30 children in attendance with their families, gathering about 60-70 people for our first movie night of the season, definitely a good turnout for the September movie night. UICCU brought Kirby to meet with the children prior to the movie at 6 PM and took pictures with the children.

Playing for Keeps has been an exciting year so far in the planning stages. We have received a lot of new and different auction items including a signed Hawkeye Basketball from Fran McCaffrey, a suite the Roughriders game, and a 10 week session from Farrell's Body Shaping. The event will have KCRG's Kaj O Mara as one of the emcees as in years past and Karol Kelley from Mediacom will be teaming up with him to host the event. The auction structures is also changing this year from 2 silent flights and one live flight to the 2012 event having a total of 4 silent flights and 2 live flights throughout the evening, with the structure being silent/silent/live and then repeat. The Friends group was able to obtain donations for the fruit and cheese trays from Hy-Vee and Wal-Mart which will alleviate some of the food costs the group has previously incurred. *Playing for Keeps* will be held on October 6th, 2012 at the Cedar Rapids Toyota Scion showroom, 1190 Boyson Road from 6 to 9PM. Thank you to Larry Eveland and Deb Theis for volunteering to help with this event.

As this is my last recreation report I found it suitable for me to say goodbye and thank you to this board. I am sorry I was unable to attend the last meeting and hope I will get to see all of you in the future. I appreciate all of you, your ideas and knowledge. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to develop my ideas. I hope I have left my mark on the Hiawatha Parks & Recreation department and done my part to make it better and more efficient than it was when I started. Thank you also to all of you including Angie, for including me in these meetings. The experience has strengthened my knowledge of the procedures required in a board of this nature. This understanding will definitely help me going forward to work with the Lisbon Parks Board.

- Liz Neff

Please review the spreadsheet below for revenue generated on the Cogran system beginning the new fiscal year:

Paypal activity

	Sales	Fees	Net Revenue	# transactions
July	\$1,870.00	\$66.11	\$1,803.89	39
August	\$2,355.00	\$78.94	\$2,276.06	35
September	\$970.00	\$31.78	\$938.22	12
October			\$0.00	
Annual Total			\$5,018.17	