

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Kasson Park Board meeting was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 8th day of December 2010 at 8:00 A.M.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Joe Fitch, Greg Kuball, Mike Marti, Sharon Schriever and Liza Larsen

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Terry Meyers and Becky Diekman

ALSO PRESENT: Park & Rec Supervisor Ron Unger and Secretary Jan Naig

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:01 A.M. by Chairperson Schriever.

II. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Kuball and second by Marti, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the October 2010 meeting.

III. New Business:

A. Oath of Office-Meyers. Meyers was not in attendance. Tabled until the January meeting.

B. 2011 Fee Schedule. Unger has been in contact with five area pool operators. Our pricing for passes and lessons is in line with what the neighboring pools are charging.

There was some discussion about options for transportation to swim meets. There were a few problems with the service provided by First Student this past summer. Their fees for transportation to the swim meets ranged from \$225.00 to \$252.00. The Board will continue to research other options for transportation to swim meets.

The recommended changes to the fee schedule include: dropping the Arts in the Park program due to lack of participation, change the base rates for Swim Team participants to \$27.00 for Kasson Residents and to \$35.00 for Non-Residents and to change the transportation fee for swim team to \$20.00. The fees for Swim Team will remain at \$47.00 for Kasson Residents and \$55.00 for Non-Residents. Motion by Kuball and second by Fitch, with all voting Aye, to submit the recommended changes to the 2011 Fee Schedule for City Council approval.

C. Adult basketball league supervisor. The Adult Basketball league is scheduled to begin play on January 9. Unger has commitments from six teams. There is space for two more teams to participate. If there are only six teams, the games will start earlier so that the full court can be used.

Motion by Schriever and second by Marti, to hire Joe Fitch to supervise the Adult Basketball league in 2011 at a rate of \$30.00/night. Ayes: Schriever, Kuball, Larsen and Marti. Nays: None. Abstain: Fitch.

D. Tree City USA application update. Unger has submitted the application for the City's Tree City USA application. This will be the 31st year for the designation.

E. Tree Ordinance. Unger indicated that the Board will need to revise the existing Tree Ordinance. The City's Ordinance was approved in 1978. He has obtained copies of other cities' ordinances and information from other web sites. Unger will start compiling information for the Board to consider at future meetings so that a new ordinance can be submitted to the City Council for approval in 2011.

F. Terms that expire in 2010 – Fitch, Larsen. Both Fitch and Larsen indicated that they would serve another term on the Board through 2013.

IV. Old Business:

A. 2011 Budget update. Some of the larger items that remain in the budget for 2011 after the recent cuts are: repair swimming pool heater, replace the mesh backstop at West Park, purchase Phase II of the skate park elements and repairs to the boards for the outdoor hockey rink.

B. Skate park update. The Phase I equipment for the skate park has been ordered from American Ramp Company. It will be delivered to the City soon. American Ramp honored their original price and included the sales tax that was not part of the quote.

C. Swimming pool repair update. The circulation pumps and sand filters have been replaced. Two new heaters will be installed before the pool opens. There was a question about adding safety tile to cap the pool fence in the future.

D. Other. Scott Jorgenson has finished the benches in the Veterans Memorial Park dugouts. The fencing for the dugouts is all that remains to be installed.

Kuball thanked the Board on behalf of K.S.A. for allowing them to place the advertising banners on the ball field fences again. He also asked about the Pepsi banners and Unger indicated that they are required as part of our contract with Pepsi.

On December 20th the Kasson Lions Club has asked Larsen to speak at their meeting about planned projects for Lions Park. Since she cannot attend, Kuball will attend the meeting.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Adjournment: Motion by Kuball and second by Marti, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 A.M.

Chairperson

Secretary