

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES MAY 20, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at the Kasson Public Works Building on the 20th day of May 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Jason Moritz, Janet Sinning, Chuck Coleman, Roger Franke, Terry Meyers and Greg Kuball (arrived 6:05 P.M.)

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Liza Larsen

ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Struthers, Judy Ruport, Sandy Musolf, Jim Bzoskie, Jeff Jensen, City Administrator Randy Lenth, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ron Unger and Deputy Clerk Jan Naig

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Unger.

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Moritz and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to approve the April 2014 Park Board Minutes.

III. New Business:

A. KM Youth Football representatives. Jim Bzoskie and Jeff Jensen of KM Youth Football were in attendance to talk about the program for 4th through 6th grades and the flag football program which runs in the fall. Their organization would like to build a crow's nest for the football field in Veterans Memorial Park. They would also like to build a 10' x 10' storage shed in the northwest park to store their equipment. Their organization will raise funds for the materials and labor will be donated. Kuball asked if the City has any funds available to donate toward the materials. Until the proposals for the southwest park are reviewed, no funding will be designated to this project.

A donation of \$500.00 was made to the parks for the work done to maintain the fields and for the paint to stripe the fields. The Park Board thanked them for their contributions to the parks.

Motion by Moritz and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to allow KM Youth Football to build a crow's nest on the east side of the football field in Veterans Memorial Park and a storage shed in the northwest park.

IV. Old Business:

A. Ice arena update.

-The ice is out of the arena for about 10 days. Maintenance and extra cleaning will be done in the building. Plans are to have ice back by June 1st.

- The oldest compressor, which is 19 years old, may need to be replaced soon. The arena can run with three compressors, but it would not be as efficient.
- Howarth has several summer camps set up to use the facility throughout the summer. They will also be using the Aquatic Center during the week of camp.
- The heater over the spectator area may need to be adjusted. The heat given off does affect the ice.

A committee consisting of two city council representatives, two county commissioners and Manager Howarth has been organized as a recommending committee to each governing body. The committee will meet on the last Thursday of each month to discuss arena issues and operations. Last month the group had a tour of the facility to see the improvements that have been made since the City and County joined forces to manage the Arena.

B. Aquatic Center update. Unger reported the spring “start up” of the facility went well. There were no cracks in the two pool basins. There were some hairline cracks in the cement in the pit where the motors sit. A tile line will be installed to relieve the pressure to avoid more damage. City workers also determined that two of the heaters in the activity pool are not working. This repair should help maintain the water temperature in that pool.

All of the awnings have been replaced by Waterloo Tent because of the faulty snap fasteners.

Unger is getting pricing for the aluminum locker room benches and for park benches to be placed around the perimeter of the facility.

Xtreme Fitness has been sold. Unger will find out if the new owners still plan to have the fitness classes at the Aquatic Center. There were plans to have free fitness classes on May 24th and July 4th.

C. New southwest park update. Unger has not received bids from the engineer for the proposed park (access road with curb, skateboard park, parking lot design and modular site). The retention pond location will be moved from the proposed site and curb will also be added to the access road to help channel any water toward the retainage pond. Bid information should be available for the June meeting.

Meyers had several questions that have been asked of him by members of the community:

1. Can any of the plans for the Shopko Hometown site be published so that residents have a better idea as to where the runoff from the parking lot will go? Lenth indicated it is not feasible to put the plans in a publication, but that a sheet could be available at City Hall for public review.

2. What is happening with the coffee shop building? Unger reported the City will not be able to move the coffee shop building because of the way it was constructed. The contractors will use it as their construction office. When they are done with it, the building will probably be demolished.
3. What are the plans for the Lions Park modular? The small modular will be placed in the northeast park. The larger modular will be moved into the new southwest park.
4. Would the City consider having a community garden site in the new park? There are no plans at this time. There should be water available if a garden site is set up.
5. What is happening with the inclusive park? Right now there are limited resources for building parks. Unless some grant money or private funds come in, this will be up for consideration farther into the future.

Unger would like to work the ground and get grass seeded yet this fall in the new southwest park.

D. Movies in the Park. There will probably be three movie nights this summer. Naig will confirm who will sponsor the movies; then she and Unger will come up with some titles. Tentative plans are to have two movies in July and one in August unless additional sponsors come forward.

E. Other. The K-M Lions helped plant two Royal Maples in Veterans Memorial Park as part of the Arbor Day observance on May 19th. The Lions also donated \$125.00 toward the cost of the trees.

On June 7th the K-M Lions is sponsoring a fast-pitch softball tournament in Veterans Memorial Park. Five teams will participate.

On August 5th Jon Christensen from Erdman's is planning a community gathering in Veterans Memorial Park for National Night Out. He is working with the Kasson Chamber of Commerce and K-M Lions to sponsor this event.

Unger is working with the Library Building Committee to determine what trees will be removed or moved as the building project moves forward. The Committee will need to know the cost to move or remove any trees and the cost to move fencing and lights that will be charged to the building project. The estimate to move the modular is \$14,400.00. A site plan should be available next week.

Sandy Musolf asked about the quality of the fencing around the open basements in the Oppidan Construction site. The basements have already been filled so this should not be a problem.

V. Correspondence:

Copies of the League of Minnesota Cities "Parks and Recreation Loss Control Guide" were distributed.

VI. Adjourn:

Motion by Moritz and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The June meeting will be on June 17th at 6:00 P.M.