

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2015**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

**THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Jason Farnsworth, Terry Meyers, Greg Kuball, Liza Larsen and Roger Franke

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Janet Sinning, Chuck Coleman and Jason Moritz

**ALSO PRESENT:** Greg Ahrensfeld, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ron Unger and Deputy Clerk Jan Naig

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Kuball.
- II. **Approve minutes:** Motion by Larsen and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the November 2015 Kasson Park Board Meeting.

**III. New Business:**

**A. Greg Ahrensfeld, TruGreen representative.** Unger has been in conversation with Greg Ahrensfeld of TruGreen concerning treatment options for the ash trees in the City. Ahrensfeld was invited to the meeting to talk about possible treatments for the Emerald Ash Borer. TruGreen has been using a product that has been highly effective in treating for E.A.B. and other invasive pests. The three steps to treatment are: drill, plug and inject. TREE-age is injected into the tree so it does not spread into the ground and the dose is sealed into the tree making it a highly effective treatment. Trees are treated every two years during peak infestations. TruGreen offers a two year guarantee for trees that have been treated. The treatment is affordable—cost is based on the size of the tree. Ahrensfeld will do a survey of the homeowner's property and give them a price. This estimate will be done free of charge. If the homeowner decides to treat a tree, a form would come back to the City and an aluminum tag is placed in the tree so that City crews are aware that the tree is being treated.

In 2011 the City made the decision not to treat the city's Ash trees. Unger will recommend that the Council revisit this decision since there are better treatment options available than there were when the decision was made. Ahrensfeld is willing to do a presentation to educate homeowners in the spring. Mid-May through June and September through October are the best times to do treatments.

Motion by Farnsworth and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to use Greg Ahrensfield of TruGreen as the contact for treatment of E.A.B. and for helping to set up meetings to inform the public of options to treat their Ash trees.

**B. Hire Adult basketball league supervisor.** Unger has contacted Arnold Menchaca and he is willing to serve as league supervisor again in 2016.

Motion by Larsen and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to hire Arnold Menchaca as adult basketball league supervisor for the 2016 season at a rate of \$40.00/week.

**C. Members with terms that expiring: Kuball and Moritz.** Kuball is willing to stay on the Board for another three year term. He would like to give up the Chairperson position. The Board Members will select the Chairperson at their first meeting in the 2016.

Moritz was not at the meeting. He will be contacted to make sure he is also willing to serve another term.

Unger expressed his appreciation to the Park Board for the work they do and the feedback they provide.

**IV. Old Business:**

**A. K.A.C. plaques:** Unger had the plaque from Kasson Laser Graphics that will be placed in the entry area of the Aquatic Center. Larsen will pay for the plaque out of the donated K.A.C. funds.

The Board also talked about the plaque to commemorate the Red Cross Lifesaving award that was presented in 2014 to Tracy Asche and Alaina Pappas.

**B. Other.**

-The City received a \$100,000.00 Mighty Ducks grant to help with the air quality in the Arena. It is a matching funds grant.

-Unger also reported that Terry Donovan or Mike Stagman of DCYHA will attend the Park Board meeting in February to talk about getting another sheet of ice. Their group was told by the County Board to talk to the City and the Fair Board. Unger advised them that they should start the process with the City by talking to the Park Board. After the Park Board makes their decision, a presentation can be made to the City Council.

-There will not be a meeting in January. The next meeting will be on February 16, 2016.

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Adjourn:** Motion by Larsen and second by Kuball, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 P.M.

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Chairperson

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Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.