

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Kasson Park Board meeting was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 17th day of February 2012 at 8:00 A.M.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Mike Marti, Terry Meyers, Greg Kuball, Becky Diekman, Joe Fitch (arrived at 8:04 A.M.) and Liza Larsen (arrived at 8:10 A.M.)

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Randy Lenth, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ron Unger and Secretary Jan Naig

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

II. Approval of minutes: Motion by Diekman and second by Marti, with all voting Aye, to approve the January 2012 minutes.

III. New Business:

A. Oath of office-Meyers. Kuball administered the oath of office for Meyers. He will serve another three year term through 2014.

B. Adult softball meeting. Unger has scheduled the softball managers' meeting for Wednesday, February 22nd. The season will start the last week of April or the first week of May.

Unger reported our league will not be associated with the A.S.A. in 2012. There have been some personnel and rule changes within the softball organization. The Kasson league will now be affiliated with the National Sports Federation.

Chad Jones has retired from umpiring. Kevin Voltin will take over as the Head Umpire for SE Minnesota Districts 1 and 2. Unger will work with Voltin to find a replacement for Jones.

Unger will meet with Mark Gamm from Dodge County Environmental Quality to get the necessary licensing for the 55 gallon holding tank in the concession stand. Work will begin shortly to bring the concession stand up to MDH codes.

Jason Murphy is planning a tournament for men's teams in May. There will also be weekend tournaments during Festival in the Park and Marigold Days.

C. Boulevard tree program. Unger received pricing information from The Treehouse. Order forms have been printed and are available at City Hall and on the City's web site. Unger has also written an article to run in the DCI. The deadline for ordering trees is March 23rd. Some varieties of oak trees and an elm tree have been added to the list of available trees since there is an abundance of maples in the City.

Unger has been working on an updated Tree Ordinance for the City Code. He is using ordinances from Owatonna, Albert Lea, Winona and Rochester to help rewrite our current ordinance. An Emerald Ash Borer management plan will be written. He plans to present it to the Park Board in March so that it can be forwarded to the Council for approval in the next month.

D. NE park land – 7th Street NE. Blaines are developing the subdivision in northeast Kasson off of 7th Street NE which will allow for the development of the 3.7 acres of dedicated park land. Unger presented copies of the layout with possible amenities that could be placed in this park.

The Board should also think about what amenities will be in the park off of 19th Street NE behind the school property. Both parks should be considered when budgeting for 2013.

There has been discussion about using the land behind Kasson Concrete (which runs along the creek) for a dog park. Meg Bryngelson may attend a future Park Board meeting to discuss this proposal.

The property that was purchased in 2010 to extend the disc golf course has not been developed yet. When the ground has been prepared, this may require redesigning the course.

IV. Old Business:

A. Swimming Pool Committee update. USAquatics sent the copies of the CD with the pool plans.

A non-profit organization has been formed to advertise for the referendum. The Committee is working on brochures and door hangers to distribute to each household in the City. Flyers will be placed in Erdmans grocery bags. USAquatics will make large poster boards which will be on display in downtown businesses. Volunteers will be needed in the next month to help distribute the door hangers.

B. Tree maintenance update. There are still eight trees to remove and ten trees that need to be trimmed. City crews will be working on tree maintenance until spring.

C. Other.

-SRO Jason Peck had planned to have some of the skateboarders attend the February Park Board meeting. The students want to express their appreciation for the skate park, but the morning meetings make it difficult for the students to leave school.

-Naig asked if anyone knows of any music groups that might do a summer concert in the park. Contact her with any ideas.

-Anytime Fitness would like a bicycle rack outside their facility. Unger will get some information to them.

-The Parks/Dodge County Arena Sub-Committee of the Council met with representatives of the Fair Board to discuss the use of the Arena during Fair Week. City representatives felt it was a productive meeting. They discussed some ideas to help increase revenues from parking fees by eliminating some of the street parking during that week. There was also some discussion about giving vouchers to the participants in the hockey tournaments to get them into the fairgrounds for rides and food.

-The Board will meet on Friday, March 9th instead of Monday, March 19th. This will give Members more time to help plan for the upcoming pool vote. Tentative dates of March 24 and March 25 were set to have volunteers take door hangers around to the residential areas.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Meyers and second by Diekman, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 A.M.

Chairperson

Secretary