

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES JULY 16, 2013

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 16th day of July 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Chuck Coleman, Roger Franke, Liza Larsen, Greg Kuball (arrived 6:05 P.M.) and Joe Fitch (arrived 6:07 P.M.)

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Terry Meyers and Jason Moritz

ALSO PRESENT: Tim and Michelle Mendenhall, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ron Unger and Secretary Jan Naig

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Unger.

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Larsen and second by Kuball, with all voting Aye, to approve the May and June 2013 Park Board Minutes.

III. New Business:

A. Mendenhall request to purchase land. Tim and Michelle Mendenhall live at the end of 19th Street NE. Their property abuts undeveloped park land and they would like to purchase approximately 20 feet of this park land which is adjacent to their lot. There is an existing drainage area within the 20 feet that they will maintain and they will do plantings that are acceptable for both the park and for their property. Mr. Mendenhall stated that they will pay for the survey of the property.

Motion by Larsen and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to approve the proposal to sell 20 feet of the adjacent park land which extends off of 19th Street NE to the Mendenhalls for \$1,000.00; purchaser will be responsible for the cost of the property survey.

B. Ribbon cutting/grand opening of Aquatic Center. Park Board Members were reminded that the ribbon cutting for the new facility will be tomorrow, July 17th, at 5:30 P.M. at the Aquatic Center. Board Members will serve the root beer floats and cookies. There will be a free family swim night at the facility.

The first Movie in the Park will also be shown tomorrow. There was discussion about the need for pest control in the park. Motion by Kuball and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to have Veterans Memorial Park sprayed for mosquitos in the area of the gazebo and west pavilion. Unger will contact a pest control service to get this done prior to the movies.

IV. Old Business:

A. Aquatic Center update. Unger met with Tom Schaffer of USAquatics and Russ Lane of Signature Aquatics on July 15th. They went over the items that still need to be completed at the facility.

Unger gave the Board a brief update on some of the happenings at the Aquatic Center. Unger also informed them of the various projects in progress in Veterans Memorial Park and the status of these projects.

B. Free swim passes. Coleman informed the Board that a request had been made of the City Council for free family passes to the Aquatic Center for ambulance, fire department and emergency personnel. The City Council directed this request to the Park Board for an official answer. Motion by Larsen and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to decline giving free family passes to the Kasson Aquatic Center to emergency services groups.

C. Other. Unger reported that USAquatics had a meeting yesterday with Byron's swimming pool committee. Due to a waterline break, their city pool will not be open the remainder of this season.

The Board may need to consider adding more parking area in Veterans Memorial park in the future. The parking lot has been full with vehicles belonging to Aquatic Center patrons, ball players and other visitors to the Park.

V. Correspondence: None.

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Fitch and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Chairperson

Secretary

The next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th at 6:00 P.M.