

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES JULY 15, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

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

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Jason Moritz and Janet Sinning

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jerry Struthers, Jane Struthers, Judy Ruport, Sandy Musolf, Ronald Eidem, Rosy Carlson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ron Unger, Deputy Clerk Jan Naig and City Administrator Randy Lenth

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

**II. Approve minutes:** Motion by Franke and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the June 2014 Kasson Park Board Meeting.

**III. New Business:**

**A. Lifesaving award.** Moritz has forwarded information to Unger on Red Cross lifesaving awards. Unger has been in contact with the Red Cross representative that oversees the pools in southeast Minnesota. There is a procedure that needs to be followed for a Red Cross Award to be presented. Unger will continue to work on gathering the necessary information and obtaining the necessary consent forms. Unger expressed his appreciation for the work Moritz has done to obtain the information concerning Red Cross awards.

**B. Bicycle parking signage-K.A.C.** Unger has ordered signs to designate bicycle parking areas at the Aquatic Center. Patrons are leaving them on the sidewalk which prohibits access into the north side of the building. The parking area will be on the south side of the building. In the spring there are plans to pour a cement pad and install additional bike racks.

**C. Fencing-tennis courts.** Unger will be removing the four foot fencing on the east and west sides of the tennis courts in Veterans Memorial Park. The frost has pushed and curled the fence material so it will not be able to be reused.

**D. Tree stump removal.** Bret Johnson is doing the stump grinding for the City. There are around 40 stumps that need to be taken out. Unger had \$4,000.00 budgeted for stump removal in 2014. If funds are not available to grind all of them, some will be done in 2015.

**E. Litter cleanup campaign.** Sinning had asked to have this item on the agenda, but she was not available to present it to the Board. Unger stated that Tim Tjosaas tried to get a communitywide clean up going a few times when he was mayor. No one person or group has taken ownership of the project, so it has not continued. Coleman will work with Sinning to see if they can get a program set up again.

Unger thanked the Chuck Coleman family for picking up the debris in the lot behind the Fire Hall that remained after the snow melted. Unger indicated that he can always use volunteers to help with clean up and weeding projects. Meyers suggested that he may have better luck getting volunteers by partnering with a sports team or organization in the community.

#### **IV. Old Business:**

##### **A. Ice arena update.**

- The maintenance in the Arena was done in June.
- The outside hockey boards have been primed.
- Unger is working with Pepsi Cola to get a new scoreboard for the north-end of the Arena.
- The last of the original compressors has failed.
- The facility has been used extensively for hockey camps in July. The camp participants are also using the Aquatic Center.

**B. West Park update.** The Conditional Use Permit for the new library building was approved by the Planning Commission on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Coleman indicated the outfield fence, lights, scoreboard, trees and modular will need to be removed from West Park by September. Coleman distributed copies of the tentative floor plan for the library building.

There was considerable discussion about if and when the ball field will be removed. The Park Board has not seen the site plan for the new library building to determine what amenities will be part of West Park once the building is constructed.

**C. Lions Park update.** The bid opening for the expansion of Lions Park will be on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. If it is approved by the City Council that evening, construction of the new park area could begin early in August. Unger has arranged for the modular to be reconstructed between August 25<sup>th</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**D. K-M Dog Park update.** The Mantorville City Council has approved funding so the dog park will stay in Mantorville. Moritz was not in attendance so there was no additional information to report.

**E. Movies in the Park.** Four movies are scheduled:

July 25<sup>th</sup> – Free Willy sponsored by K-M Lions and Kasson Hardware Hank,  
August 8<sup>th</sup>- Dr. Suess’ The Lorax which is a Festival in the Park event,  
August 15<sup>th</sup> - Field of Dreams sponsored by Kasson Park and Rec and August  
29<sup>th</sup> – UP sponsored by Liza Larsen of Edina Realty.

**F. Other.**

-Coleman had the “Minnesota Greensteps Cities” awards that have been presented to the City for the Board to view. The steps are earned for promoting energy savings in the City and also for various park and trail projects. He distributed an informational sheet about the parks and trails. As trails are constructed and connected, Kasson will keep moving toward more steps in the program.

-Kuball asked if another portable should be added in Veterans Memorial Park next year. The public restrooms on the bathhouse close before the ball games are done on Thursday and Friday evenings.

-Kuball reported there is a dead tree at North 2 ball field that should be removed.

-Kuball asked about the tree branches that are blocking the City’s electronic sign. Unger indicated that the trees belong to the owner of the Post Office building so the City does not trim them without permission.

-Kuball also asked if anyone is cleaning the storm drains. That is a duty of the street department and they have been short-handed for the past month.

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Adjourn:**

Motion by Larsen and second by Meyers, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

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Chairperson

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Deputy Clerk

The August meeting will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.