

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES JUNE 17, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

**THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Jason Moritz, Janet Sinning, Roger Franke and Chuck Coleman (arrived 6:11 P.M.)

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Liza Larsen, Terry Meyers and Greg Kuball

**ALSO PRESENT:** Craig Britton, Jerry Struthers, Judy Ruport, Sandy Musolf, 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 6:03 P.M. by Unger.

**II. Approve minutes:** Due to lack of a quorum, action will be taken later in the meeting.

Addition to the Agenda: New Business: Dog Park update.

**III. New Business:**

**A. Southwest Park project.** Craig Britton of WSN presented a new site plan for the extension of Lions Park. The newest change was the relocation of the retention pond to accommodate the runoff from the access road and parking lot. If the plans and specs are approved at the June 25<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, bids can be presented for Council approval at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Construction could start early in August.

Motion by Moritz and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to approve the plans as submitted by the City Engineer for the development of the extension of Lions Park in southwest Kasson.

Unger will be contacting a farmer to mow the new ground. He plans to have oats planted to get ground cover in the new park area.

**B. Dog Park.** Moritz reported on the progress of the K-M Dog Park Committee. Funding is still an obstacle. Only \$10,000.00 of the \$20,000.00 that is required to start the project has been raised. A Woof, Wine and Wag fundraiser will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is working on funding through a Facebook promotion. They will also be asking the Mantorville City Council for funding. If they do not win the Facebook contest and the Mantorville Council does not provide funds, the Committee may come to the

Kasson City Council. Moritz should have more information for the July Park Board meeting.

**IV. Old Business:**

**A. Ice arena update.** Coleman gave a brief report on the May meeting of the Ice Arena Committee. The County Commissioners are getting a better idea of what goes on at the facility. Howarth was asked to look for an outlet from which a floor to cover the ice can be rented or purchased. He will report his findings at a later Committee meeting.

Unger reported on the improvements that have been made at the Arena this month. New rubber flooring has been installed, a new floor scrubber was purchased, power-washing and painting is being done. The Board was encouraged to stop in and see the facility if they have the opportunity.

**B. West Park update.** Coleman reported on the progress of the Library Building Committee. The Planning Commission has approved the Conditional Use Permit for the construction of the Library in West Park subject to conditions.

Coleman asked how much notice City workers need to take out the light poles, fencing and trees. He will report back to the Building Committee.

**C. Aquatic Center.**

**1. Free swim day.** The first free swim day was on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The cool weather limited the number of attendees to 92. The next free day is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2. Request to close early.** The Festival in the Park Committee has requested that the Aquatic Center close early on August 9<sup>th</sup> so there are no problems from noise or lighting during the concert that will be held in Veterans Park. The Board agreed to close the K.A.C. after the Belly Flop Contest. The facility will also close at 7:00 P.M. on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Update.** The attendance has been great. Unger is still watching the chemical usage since the amount of chemicals required has been high.

Moritz asked if the portable on the east side of Veterans Park is still needed since the K.A.C. facility bathrooms are open during park hours. This portable has the most use and will not be removed.

There was some discussion about the bicycle parking near the K.A.C. There are many bikes left on the sidewalk which disrupts the flow of pedestrian traffic into the facility.

There was some discussion about recognizing Tracy Asche and Alaina Pappas for the lifesaving at the K.A.C. in May. Moritz is checking if there is a lifesaving award available to present to them for their efforts.

**D. Movies in the Park.** Naig will work with Kurt Albrecht to set the dates and choose the three Movies in the Park for the summer.

**E. Other.**

Unger reported on the softball and kubbing tournaments that are scheduled in the parks in the next month.

**Approve minutes:** Motion by Mortiz and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to approve the May 2014 meeting minutes.

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Adjourn:**

Motion by Moritz and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

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Acting Chairperson

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Deputy Clerk

The July meeting will be on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.