

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES MARCH 9, 2012

Due to lack of a quorum, the Kasson Park Board meeting scheduled for the 9th day of March 2012 at 8:00 A.M. became a discussion of the agenda items.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Mike Marti, Terry Meyers and Greg Kuball

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Becky Diekman, Joe Fitch and Liza Larsen

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

New Business:

A. Veterans Memorial Park concession stand. Unger has arranged for the floor of the concession stand to be tiled during the third week in April. The holding tank will be moved outside of the building into a locked, framed cabinet to be compliant with the MDH requirements. The sink and stainless steel equipment will also be installed so that the State can re-inspect the premises prior to the start of the softball season.

Pepsi will be replacing the pop machines in the parks and the cooler in the concession stand with more efficient machines this spring.

B. Set summer swimming pool employee wages. No action was taken due to lack of a quorum.

C. Free swim days at the Pool. In the past two years the City took part in S.H.I.P., which promoted free swim days at the various swimming pools throughout county. The State no longer has funding available for this program. Unger has been contacted by Dodge County Public Health about the possibility of continuing a program to promote physical activity-especially with the youth in the county. There will not be any reimbursement for the lost revenue. Unger has inquired about the response from the other cities with pools in Dodge County.

There was some discussion about having our own promotion that would not be mandated by another government body. The Park Board could then set our own criteria and make it a local promotion. No action was taken.

D. Tree Ordinance and EAB Management Plan. Unger is still working to revise the City's Tree Ordinance. A draft of the new ordinance should be ready for the April Park Board meeting.

Copies of the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan were distributed for the members in attendance to review. Kuball made a recommendation to accept the EAB Management Plan that was prepared by Unger and to refer it to the City Council for adoption. The Board Members in attendance were in agreement with the recommendation.

Old Business:

A. Boulevard tree program update. The brochures for the Boulevard Tree Planting Program are available to the public. Unger has received 11 orders for trees. Deadline for ordering is March 23rd.

B. Swimming Pool Committee update. Two “open houses” have been scheduled to give the public an opportunity to meet with members of the pool committee and ask questions concerning the referendum. The dates are March 15th and March 17th. Flyers will be stuffed in the Erdman’s grocery store bags. Volunteers will be distributing door hangers on Saturday, March 31st.

C. Adult softball program update. Unger had his first meeting with the team managers. There are now 13 men’s teams and 7 co-rec teams that are interested in the summer leagues. Unger will be attending the league manager meeting on April 3rd to pick up forms for the 2012 season. The local team managers will meet with him after that date to pick up team packets and pay their fees.

This year Festival in the Park Committee will replace Kasson Softball Association as the partner with the City. Unger has been in discussion with Chris McKern about some possible promotions that the Festival Committee would like to implement.

Chad Jones, Eric Stanton and Kevin Voltin have all agreed to umpire for the City again this year.

D. Northeast park land update. Unger distributed copies of the Feasibility Cost Estimate that was prepared by the City’s engineer for the city park in Blaine’s 12th subdivision. The estimated cost (including the parking lot, sidewalk, water line and ball field) is \$109,516.79.

E. Other.

-The Kasson-Mantorville Elementary School PTA has again requested a donation of daily pool passes for a silent auction that will raise money for PTA activities and technology for the elementary school. Members in attendance agreed to give the standard amount of 10 single day pool passes. Lenth suggested we check with Howarth at the arena. If he is in agreement, the passes will be a single day pass for the pool OR for open skate at the arena. Naig will check with Howarth before printing the passes.

-Unger briefly touched on the wages that were paid to the pool staff in 2011 so that the Board Members could consider the wages which will be discussed in April.

The 2011 wages were:

\$13.25-Manager, \$11.25-Assistant Manager, \$10.25-Head Lifeguard, \$9.75 WSI's, \$9.00-Lifeguards and \$7.75-Crossing guard/Cashiers. The wages were left at the 2010 level in 2011.

-Meyers asked if the skate board/bike park will still be at the arena parking lot site in 2012. If the ramps are moved, this would allow for roller hockey summer camps to be held at the arena. Lenth indicated it is in the long-range plans to consider an alternate site for the skate board/bike park. There are no changes planned in the immediate future.

-Arena updates. Meyers reported the facility is 20 players away from having to schedule before and after school practices. The number of participants has also made it difficult to have enough coaching staff for the various programs. The outdoor rink is a great facility, but the weather did not allow for much use this past winter.

-Unger reported that the old playground equipment in Lions Park will be removed this spring. It will become scrap metal since liability exposure will not allow for the sale or transfer of the old equipment.

The group was in agreement to meet on the third Monday in April, the regular scheduled meeting time. The meeting will be on April 16th at 8:00 A.M.

The group disbursed at 9:26 A.M.

Secretary