

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 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 October 2012 at 8:15 A.M.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Joe Fitch, Greg Kuball, Roger Franke, Mike Marti, Liza Larsen and Terry Meyers (arrived 8:24 A.M.)

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Becky Diekman

ALSO PRESENT: Russ Lane-Construction Manager for Signature Aquatics, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ron Unger, City Administrator Randy Lenth and Secretary Jan Naig

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:16 A.M. by Chairperson Kuball.

II. Approval of May, June, September 2012 minutes/notes: Motion by Larsen and second by Fitch, with all voting Aye, to approve the May minutes and June and September meeting notes.

III. New Business:

A. Russ Lane, Representative from Signature Aquatics. Russ Lane was in attendance to present the pricing information Signature Aquatics has received from companies that sell the play features for aquatic centers. It is more economical for the city to purchase the equipment directly from the suppliers than having Signature Aquatics purchase them. Lane had proposals from four water slide and three play feature vendors. The proposals for water slides are from: SplashTacular, WhiteWater, Avalanche Waterslides and Aqua Blue International. The prices for two water slides range from \$230,000 to \$260,000. The vendors with proposals for the water features are: Aqua Blue, ARC (Aquatic Recreation Co.) and Raindrop. Prices range from \$79,154 to \$105,000 for the six apparatus. He talked about the cost, product quality, where the apparatus is manufactured and his knowledge of and experience working with the various companies.

Lane will give copies of the proposals to Lenth for distribution to the Park Board and the Aquatic Center Committee. The pumps and piping needs are determined by what features are being installed so the decision needs to be made this fall. Lane is on site Tuesday through Thursday each week and is available to answer any questions about the project. The Committee will meet and make their recommendations to the Park Board. The Park Board will then send their recommendations on to the City Council.

The plans are to have the shells poured for both pools and to have the roof on the bathhouse by early December. Lenth reported that the City Council has a Settlement Agreement with S L Contracting so construction on the 7th Street waterline, storm sewer and sanitary sewer upgrades will continue this fall.

B. Aquatic Center update.

1. Colors and Features. After the manufacturer is chosen for the slides and features the colors can be selected.

2. 2013 pricing. Naig put together a comparison of the 2012 pricing for eight area aquatic centers. The Aquatic Center Committee has suggested that the City promote early sales of passes. After discussion, the Board decided there should continue to be resident and non-resident rates.

Motion by Fitch and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to set the following rates for the 2013 season:

Daily Fee \$4.00

Family Passes:

Resident (1 to 4 people) \$130.00

Non-resident (1 to 4 people) \$150.00

Each additional person \$10.00

Single Passes:

Resident \$70.00

Non-resident \$80.00

The passes will probably incorporate some type of bar coded I.D. badge. Fees for special programs (ie: water aerobics, therapeutic recreation, volleyball and water basketball) will be determined later.

C. Park Board Members with terms that expire – Kuball & Diekman.

Unger has spoken with Diekman. She appreciated working with everyone on the Park Board, but her work schedule is very busy so she does not feel she can continue to serve. Kuball will serve three more years. He would like to see some of the projects come to completion.

D. 2013 Budget. Unger indicated that the 2013 budget has increased considerably for the aquatic center. There will be an increase in wages, utilities, maintenance and operating supplies. Unger also listed some of the other items in the 2013 budget:

12' deck mower \$15,000/ year (over 3 years)

Purchase waste receptacles

Replace one set of 3 row bleachers

Future budget considerations include:

Hire 2 permanent P.T. employees (29 hrs/week for the full year) for parks and forestry work

Increase the size of the west shelter in Veterans Memorial Park or add one more shelter

Repair the historic flower planter

Remove the flowering crab trees and replace some of the trees that have been removed because of the aquatic center project
Pour a new cement slab and move the skate/bike park equipment
Establish a dog park area
Repair fencing (mesh only)

E. Park Board meeting time. Since the morning meeting time has not been working for several Board Members, there was discussion about moving the meeting time back to the evening. The Board was in consensus to go back to meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the Public Works Building.

IV. Old Business

A. Park surveillance cameras. The cameras in Veterans Memorial Park are being relocated due the aquatic center project. The electric poles in the park are being removed. Unger has some ideas for decorative park lighting for Veterans Memorial Park. He will bring this to a future meeting for discussion.

B. K-M, Byron Youth Football program. The youth football season was finished on Saturday, October 13th. Jerry Boyd kept the concession stand open for the Saturday games. The summer drought was hard on the grass field.

C. Northeast City Park-Blaines 12th. The grass has been seeded in the new park. The infield for the ball field has been staked out and is ready for Shakopee lime. Unger has budgeted for the fencing along the 1st and 3rd base lines in 2013. The electric department will be setting a transformer for a future concession stand and for lighting.

D. Warming house – ice arena. Meyers reported that a dugout type warming house along the side of the rink is not a practical plan. The Youth Hockey Board is putting together a Capital Plan for funding a warming house project. When a plan and location are determined, Meyers will bring the information to the Board.

E. West Park ball field lights. There was some discussion about the lighting at the West Park ball field. The fixtures are old and do not adequately light the field. The cost has been prohibitive for the Park Department budget. Unger will talk to the KMBA to see if they have money that could be put toward this project.

There was some discussion about the lights being left on at the ball fields in Veterans Memorial Park. There needs to be some form of control for the lights. When the Park closes at 11:00 P.M., the patrol officer of the Kasson Police Department should make a drive through the Park and make sure the lights are off.

V. Correspondence

VI. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Chairperson

Secretary

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20th at 6:00 P.M.