

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 20th day of October 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Jason Moritz, Liza Larsen, Janet Sinning and Greg Kuball

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Roger Franke, Terry Meyers and Chuck Coleman

ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Struthers, Judy Ruport, Barb Meyer, Jason Farnsworth, Finance Director Nancy Zaworski, Parks & Rec Supervisor Ron Unger and Deputy Clerk Jan Naig

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

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Moritz and second by Sinning, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the August 2014 Kasson Park Board Meeting.

III. New Business:

A. Set 2015 Aquatic Center fees. Finance Director Zaworski gave a presentation on the revenues and expenditures for the Aquatic Center. The projected loss for 2014 is approximately \$60,000.00. She presented examples of the value of a season pass based on three visits per week over a period of 10 weeks. She also explained the value of the 10, 20 and 30 pass books that were issued in 2014. The Board was asked to consider the value and to make sure what is charged in 2015 is an appropriate fee for the value. The Board discussed other ways to decrease the expenditures including reducing staff and changing hours when the facility is not busy.

Motion by Moritz and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to recommend the following changes to the Kasson Aquatic Center fees for 2015:

Resident Family Pass \$180.00 (Up to 4 family people)*

Early bird Resident Family Pass \$170.00 (Up to 4 people)*

Non-resident Family Pass \$200.00 (Up to 4 people)*

Early bird Non-resident Family Pass \$190.00 (Up to 4 people)*

Resident Single Pass \$80.00

Early bird Resident Single Pass \$70.00

Non-resident Single Pass \$90.00

Early bird Non-resident Single Pass \$80.00

The deadline for early bird purchases will be February 15, 2015.*

The additional family member fee will increase to \$40.00.*

The daily admittance fee will remain at \$5.00.

The pass book of 30 will be eliminated.*
Pass book of 10 will increase to \$45.00*
Pass book of 20 will increase to \$85.00*

* is a change from 2014

The fees for lessons, various programs (lap swim, tiny tots, swim team, etc.) and rentals will be discussed at a future Park Board Meeting.

B. Ribbon cutting for skate park. The skate park equipment has been installed in Lions Park. Kuball commented on the skate park being an asset to the area. Unger will meet with SRO Jason Peck to set a date and time for the ribbon cutting. Park Board members will receive an email to inform them of the details.

C. Request for Aquatic Center donation. Brent Langford has submitted a request for a donation from the Aquatic Center for a silent auction benefitting Rainbow School in Rochester. The Board decided that someone should buy a gift certificate for a season pass or for pass books and make a donation rather than our Park Board making the donation.

IV. Old Business:

A. Park updates.

1. Lions Park improvements/snowmobile trail. The walking path is complete. Unger reported that until the dirt is leveled, the grass seeding will not be done. The modular, parking lot and skate park are all nearing completion for this year. Unger will be working with DOT District 6 and the local snowmobile club to see if the south bridge can be improved or replaced through shared funding.
2. K-M Youth Football projects. The crow's nest in Veterans Memorial Park is being constructed. They are also building the storage unit in the northwest park near the soccer fields to store equipment. Unger anticipates these projects will be done before winter.
3. Dog Park update. Moritz reported that the first stage of the dog park in Mantorville is complete. The sign is installed and it is ready for use.

B. Red Cross lifesaving award update. Unger has been notified by the Red Cross that the lifesaving award for Tracy Asche has been approved. He asked for the Board's recommendation on an appropriate gathering to present the award. It was suggested that Unger contact Superintendent Matuska to see if it can be done at a High School assembly in November. The Mayor, Park Board and Council representatives should also be in attendance for the presentation.

III. New Business (continued)

D. Larsen resignation. Larsen has moved out of Kasson city limits. The Board has six appointed members and a council liaison. At the present, time Meyers is the one non-resident who serves on the Board. Larsen would like to continue serving on the Board and Kuball feels it is important to the community to retain a board member who contributes so much to the organization.

Motion by Kuball and second by Moritz, with all voting Aye, to recommend that the City Council review and change the City Code restrictions to allow another person from outside the city to serve on the Park Board.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Adjourn:

Motion by Sinning and second by Moritz, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be on November 18th at 6:00 P.M.