

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

**THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Dan Egger, Greg Kuball, Liza Larsen and Janet Sinning

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Chuck Coleman, Roger Franke and Jason Farnsworth

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lynette Nash, Nancy Peterson, Parks & Rec Supervisor Ron Unger, City Administrator Timothy Ibisch and Deputy Clerk Jan Naig

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

**II. Approve minutes:** Motion by Kuball and second by Sinning, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the January 2020 meeting.

The order of the agenda was changed. Parkland dedication fee review and the update on the stone wall in Veterans Memorial Park will be discussed before the other agenda items.

### **III. New Business:**

**A. Oath of Office-Larsen and Sinning.** Naig administered the oath of office for Larsen and Sinning. They will serve another three year term which will end in 2022.

**B. Parkland dedication fee review.** Administrator Ibisch has been reviewing the City's Parkland Dedication fee. It has been several years since it was last reviewed and the current valuation process appears to be low. There will still be an option for developers to provide land in lieu of paying the fee. Samples of what Byron, Zumbrota and Rochester charge were distributed. The Board will review the fees at least every five years.

Motion by Kuball and second by Sinning, with all voting Aye, to recommend changing the method of calculating the parkland dedication fee to a "per lot" charge and charging \$300.00 per lot.

**C. Boulevard tree planting program.** Information about the 2020 Boulevard Tree Planting Program is on the City's website. The deadline for ordering trees is March 27<sup>th</sup>. Unger has budgeted for 75 trees. The trees will be ordered through The Treehouse.

**D. Aquatic Center updates.** The Membership and Registration forms for the 2020 season are on the City's website. The facility will be open May 30<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Unger has budgeted \$20,000.00 to repaint the play features in the zero depth entry area at the end of the season. There will also be \$6,000.00-\$7,000.00 in repairs to the slides.

Eggler asked about getting more reports throughout the summer to see how the facility is being used. This should help with setting fees for 2021.

- E. Park maintenance shop roof repair.** Unger has worked with the insurance adjuster at the League of Minnesota Cities concerning the roof on the park maintenance shed. Prehn Buildings should do the work on the roof by the end of February.

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

- A. Update on stone wall in Veterans Memorial Park.** Unger distributed copies of a letter that was sent to the City and to local media by Mantorville Restoration Association asking the City to reevaluate the decision to dismantle the stone wall in Veterans Memorial Park. They recommended the City look into other companies that do restoration work. They must be certified to do restoration work. Unger has contacted the two contractors who were recommended to do the work. It will be important to have them come and look at the structure-probably sometime in April.

Lynette Nash, vice president of MRA, asked the Board to give them time to raise funds for the restoration. Nancy Peterson also talked about organizations she is working with to promote tourism through history. She offered to help research grant options. They were assured that no decision has been made concerning the wall and that the City Council just set a date to get the process moving.

- B. Tree maintenance work update.** Fifteen trees have been removed this winter. There are 30 more to do before the end of March. Tree trimming can continue once it's warmer outside.

#### **V. Correspondence:**

Larsen related a comment that she received from Matt and Kay Nelson about Lions Park. They utilize the park frequently and were very complimentary.

Unger indicated he received a card from C & H Restoration concerning restoration of tennis courts. They also build tennis and pickle ball courts. He will contact the company to get pricing for tennis courts in Lions Park. He will also see if they would provide pricing to repair the tennis courts in Veterans Memorial Park.

Eggler reported that at the City Council work session on February 15<sup>th</sup> the ADA compliance for Lions Park (parking lot, curb and gutter) was discussed.

**VI. Adjourn:** Motion by Sinning and second by Kuball, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 P.M.

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Chairperson

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Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>.