

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES

July 16, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 16th day of July at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Roger Franke, Janet Sinning, Dan Egger, Liza Larsen and Chuck Coleman

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Jason Farnsworth and Greg Kuball

ALSO PRESENT: Maddie Larsen, 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 Chairperson Larsen.

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Egger and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the May 2019 meeting.

III. New Business:

A. Aquatic Center update. June attendance numbers at the Aquatic Center were down due to the weather. July has been warmer and there have been days at max capacity. There was an area swim meet at the Aquatic Center on July 15th. There will also be a regional meet on August 3rd. There have been six to ten swimmers for morning lap swim. Overall, things are running well.

B. June storm damage at parks. The June 4th storm caused considerable damage at the Aquatic Center. Approximately 25-30 of the white deck chairs were broken. One of the funbrellas broke off and landed in the Park. The insurance adjuster checked the roof at the Aquatic Center for hail damage. There are some small dents around the air vents. The steel covered roofs on the pavilions all have some small dents and the City will need to decide if they want to make any repairs.

There is a roof leak in the park maintenance shed that will need to be repaired. Unger will be getting bids to replace the steel roof.

C. Park projects.

-The cement work at the Lions Park shelter is behind schedule due to the rain. The electrical work is done except for the area where the serving counter will be placed. The ground work and sod will follow. Unger expects the final inspection to be completed in August or September.

-Unger ordered the replacement parts for the Lions Park modular. The manufacturer has warrantied the parts.

-The City has received a grant to do a landscape project in the MNDot land around the Kasson Car Care lot. Sargent's Nursery will be doing the planting

and City crews will prepare the ground and do the mulch around the plantings. Unger expressed his concerns about who will be doing the maintenance in the future since the State will not mow around it on a regular basis.

-The 17 trash can lids are on backorder.

-Unger has not ordered the 5-12 year old modular for Meadowland Park

-Joint Ventures will help to fund the North 2 ball field fence. Work will be done after the summer season is complete. Unger is also looking into a backstop for the North 2 field since the School will be using the field for spring baseball.

-There are two park signs to install in J Hyde Kasson Park and Meadowland Park.

- D. Festival in the Park – garbage workers. Unger has not heard from Josh Gilbertson or Isaac Fjerstad to see if they will be coming back this year. He will see if any of the concession stand workers will do it this year. The workers will need a valid drivers' license to use the Cushman.
- E. Stump removals. City crews have ground out 30 to 40 stumps. Due to the wet weather they have not been able to continue the process. The storms have damaged many trees around town so there will be more stumps to grind out.
- F. 2020 Budget Review. Unger gave a list of items being considered for the 2020 Budget. Board Members were encouraged to add other items for consideration to the list.
 - purchase a sod cutter
 - backstop for North 2 ball field
 - begin a 2 or 3 year program for the purchase of a new tractor
 - playground modular for East Diamond Park
 - tennis courts in Lions Park. (Unger also pointed out that the existing tennis courts in Veterans Memorial Park are becoming a hazard and should be removed before someone is hurt.)
 - new Veterans Memorial. Unger will be working with the County Veterans Service Officer and American Legion this fall to come up with a design.
 - stone entry way to Veterans Memorial Park. Unger had Building Restoration Corporation look at the site earlier. Their estimate was at least \$200,000.00 to repair the existing structure. The stones have deteriorated and it is becoming a hazard. Unger asked that the Board Members look at the structure before the August meeting. At that time a recommendation can be sent to the City Council of whether or repair or remove the structure.
 - Unger indicated that ordinance states the City does not allow gravel parking lots. The Lions Park parking lot will need to be paved and curb will need to be built up between the playground modular and the picnic shelter to make it ADA compliant.

IV. Old Business:

A. Movies in the Park. The first movie was held on Friday, July 12th. There were approximately 60 people in attendance. The June 21st movie was rained out and will be played on August 16th. Unger reported that the chemical used by Bob the Bugman for mosquito control has killed the grass in the Park. He will be meeting with Bob to find out what can be done.

V. Correspondence: Unger reminded the Board that there is a youth baseball tournament and Dodge County Drug Court softball tournament in our parks this weekend so all of the ball fields will be busy.

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Coleman and second by Egger, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be August 20th.