

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 15, 2019**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October at 6:00 P.M.

**THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Chuck Coleman, Greg Kuball, Roger Franke and Dan Egger

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Liza Larsen, Janet Sinning and Jason Farnsworth

**ALSO PRESENT:** 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 Unger.

**II. Approve minutes:** Motion by Kuball and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the August 2019 meeting.

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

- A. Lions Park picnic shelter dedication.** On Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Lions Club will hold a dedication ceremony for the new Lions Park. All Park Board Members are invited to attend.

Unger reported that A & A Electric has completed the electrical work on the new shelter. The building is ready for the final inspections. Unger will have some tables in the shelter for the dedication.

- B. Aquatic Center-P.B. Best of the Best Award.** Our Aquatic Center was selected as a finalist for the Post Bulletin Best of the Best Awards. For the third year the K.A.C. received the top award in 2019. Unger made a point to thank Corey Carstensen and Kris Anderson for all the work they do to keep to facility running smoothly.

- C. Boulevard trees and stumps.** All of the trees for the street assessment project have been planted. City staff had to stake many of them due to the summer storms. Unger said the trees are doing well going into the fall and winter.

There are 15 boulevard trees on the list to be removed this winter. There are 14 trees that are on the trimming list. There are 19 stumps to grind and fill in the holes yet this week. Unger plans to remove another 30 boulevard ash trees if the weather allows this winter. The trees on Mantorville Avenue in front of Casey's have been trimmed. City maintenance workers will be attending Tree Certification School this week. Unger will begin working on the Tree City USA application which is due in December.

- D. Veterans Memorial Park ball field fencing project.** Midwest Fence will begin work on the North 2 ball field outfield fence later this week. The yellow tile for the top of the fence has been ordered. This project should be completed this fall if the weather allows.

Unger also had Midwest Fence measure for the 20' dugout to dugout backstop fence on North 2. He will approach Joint Ventures in November to see if they will contribute toward this project since the KMHS uses the field.

Unger reported that the batting cage was a success. It had a lot of use this year and the clips kept the netting in shape.

Unger reported he did finally get some information on repairing the stone wall in Veterans Memorial Park from Building Restoration Corporation. The proposal will be on the November Agenda for discussion.

- E. Meadowland Park playground modular & shelter.** The 5-12 year modular will be ordered in November or December. Unger sent information to Arrow Building Center in September to draw up plans for a 18' x 20' shelter for Meadowland Park. They have not returned finished plans yet. If the weather allows, City crews will work on the footings and setting the poles for this structure yet this fall. Unger is getting pricing for asphalt shingles and for a steel roof for this structure.

There are still three signs to install: Meadowland Park, J. Hyde Kasson Park and for the Historic Water Tower.

City crews have been working to dig the cement remnants out of Prairie View Park. So far three or four loads of cement have been taken off 15 feet along the blacktop.

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

- A. Aquatic Center repairs.** Unger has been working with Webber Recreational Design and Lemmie Jones Recreation about the repairs needed to the play areas in the Aquatic Center. They have indicated that play features need to be sanded, primed and repainted every six to seven years due to the pool chemicals and weather damages. They will get back to Unger with estimates for all of the needed repairs. They will also give prices to make the necessary repairs on the large tube slides.

The 36 chairs destroyed by the summer storm have been replaced and the umbrella has been repaired. The damages were covered by the City's insurance.

**B. Christmas tree lighting update.** The Tree Lighting ceremony is set for Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Sinning has worked out the details for this event. Larsen has contacted a group to help with decorating the tree and Mr. Boldt about music for the event. Unger will place the order for the tree.

**V. Correspondence:** None.

Unger let the Board know that the 2020 Budget should remain about the same as the 2019 Budget lines. Final approval will come from the City Council when the levy is approved.

Board members with terms that expire in 2019 are Larsen and Sinning.

**VI. Adjourn:** Motion by Egger and second by Kuball, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

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Acting Chairperson

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Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be November 19<sup>th</sup>.