

**KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES  
MAY 18, 2010**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Kasson Park Board meeting was duly held at the Kasson Public Works Building on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010 at 6:30P.M.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Joe Fitch, Mike Marti, Mary Ann Billeter, Sharon Schriever, Liza Larsen, Becky Diekman and Greg Kuball

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Park & Rec Supervisor Ron Unger and Secretary Jan Naig

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Chairperson Schriever.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Diekman and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the February, March and Special April meetings.

**III. New Business:**

**A. Concession stand operations.** Unger had previously discussed the operations of the concession stands with members of K.S.A. There was some question about who is operating the stands and where the profits are going. Unger reported that in 2009 the West Park stand was not used because the designated organization did not have the volunteers to staff the building. Since K.S.A. has donated equipment in the stands and the City provides the electricity and cleans the holding tanks, members of the Park Board would like to have the organizations report back to the Board on the operations of the concession stands. Schriever asked if some type of lease or agreement should be in place for the groups using the facilities. Unger will contact Dean and Cindy Nelson about giving the Park Board a report on their operations.

**B. K.S.A. donation to ice arena.** The Softball Association made a donation of a \$750.00 clock to replace the old clock at the Dodge County Ice Arena. Unger has ordered a plaque to place by the clock that acknowledges their donation. The Board thanks K.S.A. for their contribution.

Unger reported that Hardy Mechanical of Austin will be working on the dehumidification problems in the arena. Board Members continue to receive positive comments about the improvements to the Arena. Unger expressed appreciation to the Dodge County Board and Kasson City Council for allowing the improvements at the Arena.

**C. Concerts in the Park.** There is \$500.00 in the budget for summer concerts in the park. If anyone has ideas for entertainment or would like to help with the planning, contact Naig.

**D. Dodge County SHIP at the pool.** Unger has been contacted by Dodge County Public Health regarding the Statewide Health Improvement Program. The goal of this program is to reduce the percentage of Minnesotans who are obese or overweight through better nutrition and increased physical activity.

Dodge County Public Health is setting up a program with the four pools in the county to allow county residents admission to the pool without a fee. One day each week a different pool will not charge admission fees. The Health Department is responsible for all promotion of this program. The Kasson Pool will participate three days through the entire summer. Unger indicated there is an avenue to be reimbursed for the lost revenue through the State's SHIP funding to Dodge County.

Motion by Diekman and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to partner with Dodge County in SHIP for 2010.

**E. K-M Lions Summer Blast girls' softball tournament.** The K-M Lions Club will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual softball tournament on the week-end of June 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. They will be using the North 1, North 2 and West Park fields during that week-end.

**F. Summer Reading Program request.** This year the Library's Summer Reading Program theme is *Make a Splash*. They have requested a donation of several season passes or one-day passes that can be awarded to program participants at the grand finale.

There was discussion about the numerous requests that Unger is receiving from various organizations, churches and fundraisers to donate season passes. The Board was in agreement that some type of cap should be set on how many passes can be given away. After much discussion, the Board agreed to give 10 one-day passes to the Library for the SRP program. The Board's recommendation is to do a maximum of 50 one-day passes per season, with a limit of 10 given to any one organization or fundraiser.

**G. K.S.A. donation.** Kuball indicated that the Softball Association is purchasing three picnic tables for the deck on the Veterans Park concession stand. There will be a standard 8' table, an 8' ADA table and an octagon table. The Board expressed their appreciation for this generous donation to the Park.

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

##### **A. Swimming pool repair update.**

- Thatcher Pools is working on the surface of the baby pool.
- The circulation pump is installed in the main pool.
- The floor in the bathhouse has been pressure washed and is ready to be painted.
- Manager Kaitlyn Pappas started working at the pool yesterday. The meeting for the lifeguards will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- There are seven people registered for the Lifeguard Training Course the week of June 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.

Unger reported that there is one more lifeguard that plans to return. He did not have the name on the list in April. Micah Skogen will be hired as a lifeguard for the 2010 summer season.

**B. Park projects update.**

- The K-M Lions will stain and paint the boards on the West Park bleachers.
- Dirt will be added to the northwest soccer fields.
- The two foot bridges have been sandblasted and primed for repainting.
- There was some discussion about removing the bike jumps in Lions Park. The Board was reluctant to remove the bike park. It was recommended that the area be cleaned up. Useage will continue to be monitored.
- Unger stated the backstop in West Park should be replaced in 2011. This will be part of the next budget proposal.

**C. Playground modular-Lions Park.** Unger hopes to begin work on the final phase of the Lions Park modular next week.

**D. Ice arena parking lot update.** The plans for the parking lot have been approved. The 65' X 130' concrete pad for the skatepark/outdoor rink will be parallel to 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Bids will be let in June.

**E. Boulevard tree planting.** A total of 43 trees were planted this year. There were 38 new trees and five replacements.

Mike Ness, Jeff Ulve and Unger will be attending a training seminar for Tree Inspectors on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The class is to train communities on how to prepare for the Emerald Ash Borer.

**F. Arbor Day celebration.** The City's Arbor Day observance was on May 12<sup>th</sup>. To highlight the day, members of Diekman's confirmation class planted a Burgundy Maple near the Public Works Building. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> year that the City has received its TreeCity USA designation.

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Adjournment:** Motion by Diekman and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 P.M.

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Chairperson

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Secretary