

**KASSON PARK BOARD NOTES**  
**JULY 20, 2010**

Due to lack of a quorum, the Kasson Park Board Members in attendance at the Kasson Public Works Building on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010 held a discussion of the items on the agenda.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Liza Larsen, Mike Marti, Greg Kuball and Terry Meyers

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT:** Joe Fitch, Sharon Schriever, Becky Diekman and Mary Ann Billeter

**ALSO PRESENT:** Steve Howarth, SRO Jason Peck, Andrew Woodward, Cole Muehlies, Zack Ness, Cody Kleber, Jesse Newell, Brenda Newell, Jake Schulz, Nick Schulz, Karlene Schulz, Brady Binstock, Benny Sullivan, Park & Rec Supervisor Ron Unger and Secretary Jan Naig

Unger opened the discussion at 6:35 p.m.

**Points of discussion:**

**New Business**

**A. Special liaison to Park Board.** Terry Meyers, recently appointed Special Liaison to the Park Board, was welcomed to the Board. The Board Members are looking forward to having his history and knowledge of the arena as the City moves forward with its operation.

**B. Ice arena fee schedules.** Arena Manager Howarth distributed copies of the proposed 2010-2011 Fee Schedules for the Ice Arena. He compares fees with those being charged by Austin, Owatonna and Rochester when setting Kasson's fees. It was recommended that the fee for "Lease of Wall Space" should be listed on the schedule before it is submitted to the Council for approval.

The Board discussed the financial impact of removing the ice in July for the Dodge County Fair. Howarth has ideas that could bring people to the arena during that time that would also patronize the Fair.

**C. Skateboarder representatives.** The skateboarders reported that they have raised nearly \$4,300.00 for the skate park. Unger explained that the cement pad for the skate park will not be poured until spring. Unger and Howarth are looking into the board system to surround the cement pad. They are also looking into the netting that will prevent hockey pucks from damaging the arena building. Unger suggested that the group start drawing up plans for the skateboard elements they would like on the 130' x 65' pad.

Peck and Unger will set some meetings with company representatives who sell skate park equipment to look into elements for the park.

**D. Hire additional swimming pool employee.** Unger reported that Nicole Acker will be employed as a lifeguard at the pool subject to successful completion of the Red Cross training and submission of all required forms.

**E. Resignation of Board Member Billeter.** The Board regrettably accepts the resignation of Mary Ann Billeter. She has submitted her resignation from the Board effective in September because she is going back to school and cannot commit the time to serve on the Board.

**Old Business**

**A. BMX park update.** The City Council has approved removal of the BMX park due to damage to property. Unger has not had a chance to remove it, but hopes to do so by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**B. Concerts in the Park.** Naig has scheduled two concerts in August. On the 19<sup>th</sup> the Rochester Area Accordion Band will play and on the 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a performance by Sheltered Reality. She is still working on promotion and advertising for the events.

**C. Dodge County SHIP program.** The second SHIP day at the pool was on July 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 86 free admissions on that date. The last SHIP day at the Kasson Pool is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**D. Park projects update.**

- The footbridge is ready to be installed in Lions Park when the engineering is done.
- The safety tile is here for the No. 1 and No. 2 ball fields.
- The K-M Lions will stain the dugouts in Veterans Memorial Park.
- The football field will be prepared for August league play.
- Unger has contacted Quality Concrete about the block work on the dugouts in Veterans Memorial Park.
- Marti asked Unger to look at the stairway going down from the water fountain in West Park. Unger indicated that some work has been done on the stairway. He will try to trim down the wood again or paint the step edges to prevent trips or falls.
- There was discussion about the ball field lighting and backstop in West Park. Unger will get some pricing from Northland Electric on the cost of new light fixtures for budgeting.
- Unger has not had a chance to work on the Park & Rec website. Meyers suggested that he look at the DCYH website for ideas.

**E. Other.**

Kuball has some information on a lighted advertising sign/message board that was not as expensive as the one that was previously reviewed by the Board. The 4' x 12' sign with 9" x 9" LED panels costs around \$14,000.00. He will have information at the August meeting.

The MN Health Department did an unannounced inspection and closed the pool on July 14<sup>th</sup> because the water had been shocked and was still cloudy. City employees were able to respond to the other items cited on the inspection form and the pool was opened again on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion closed at 8:15 P.M.

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Jan Naig, Secretary