

**KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 18, 2011**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Kasson Park Board meeting was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011 at 8:00 A.M.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Mike Marti, Joe Fitch, Greg Kuball, Sharon Schriever and Terry Meyers

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Becky Diekman and Liza Larsen

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

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:04 A.M. by Chairperson Schriever.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Kuball and second by Marti, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the December 2010 meeting.

**III. New Business:**

**A. Oath of Office.** Chairperson Schriever administered the oath of office to Meyers and Fitch.

**B. Adult basketball league.** There are six teams in the league. The league started play on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the high school gym.

There is a correction to the wage for the league supervisor. Unger indicated that he had budgeted \$35.00/night for the supervisor in 2011.

**C. Park & Rec web site.** Jason VanEvery has been contracted to design a Park & Rec web site that will be compatible with the City's web site. He and Unger are compiling the information for the parks and ice arena.

**D. Tree maintenance program.** City crews usually do their tree trimming and removal in the winter months. Due to snowy conditions they have not been able to work on the trees yet. Unger does have a list of trees that need trimming and those that should be removed.

The boulevard tree program will begin in February. More details will be available for the residents soon.

**IV. Old Business:**

**A. Ice arena update.** Unger presented bills for work that was done on the arena cooling/humidification systems in 2010. He explained the work that has been done in the past year on the cooling/humidification systems.

The outdoor rink has been a great addition and is being used until 10:00 P.M. on most nights. Some additional work needs to be done on the hockey boards that were purchased from a private party from Austin. Funds for the lumber to repair these previously used boards were budgeted. McNeilus Steel has designed and will donate a steel track for the boards.

Meyers also reported that the rink is operating at full capacity. He asked about some benches for the outdoor rink. Unger indicated that benches have been brought to the site.

Meyers asked about having a warming house for the outdoor rink. He discussed the possibility of a unit on wheels that could be moved after the winter months and used for storage. Unger indicated that no funds were budgeted for construction of a warming house in the 2011 budget.

Meyers would like to contact the Youth Hockey parents and the Construction Technologies Class at the K-M High School to see what can be donated for the cost of materials and labor. He has talked to a contractor about drawing a plan for the structure.

Motion by Kuball and second by Fitch, with all voting Aye, to give Meyers the approval to proceed with the process of getting a portable warming house/storage building constructed with funding and construction by donations and volunteered labor and limited contribution from the City. He will report back to the Board at the February meeting.

Unger indicated surveillance cameras will be installed at the arena to monitor the inside and outside of the facility. The cameras will be set up to record 24/7 at the site and not transmit to the Police Department like the park cameras.

There was a brief discussion on the financial status of the arena. Unger indicated that last year was a difficult year to compare because of the necessary repairs that were done. He expects the hours of use and revenues to increase in 2011. More financial information will be available to the Board throughout the year.

**B. K-M Lions meeting.** In December Kuball was a guest at the Lions Club meeting. He gave them an update on the plans for Lions Park. He also thanked the Lions for all of the work they have done in the Park. When the City decides to go ahead with the message board project, the Lions Club will do some fundraising for the project. After the meeting Unger was also contacted by a member of the Club. They will also help build the framework for the sign when the City is ready to install the message board.

The Summer Blast girls' softball tournament is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Adjournment:** Motion by Fitch and second by Marti, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 A.M.

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Chairperson

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Secretary

The next meeting will be at the Public Works Building at 6:30 P.M. on February 15<sup>th</sup>.