

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES APRIL 19, 2011

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Kasson Park Board meeting was duly held at the Kasson Public Works Building on the 19th day of April 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Joe Fitch, Liza Larsen, Terry Meyers, Becky Diekman and Sharon Schriever (arrived 7:41 P.M.)

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Mike Marti and Greg Kuball

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 Unger.

II. Approval of minutes: Motion by Fitch and second by Meyers, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the February 2011 meeting. Unger asked if there were any comments on the notes from the March discussion.

III. New Business:

A. Set wages for summer employees. The Board was in agreement to hold the wages at the 2010 level since a \$.25/hour increase was given at that time. The hourly wages set in 2010 are: Crossing guards/Cashiers \$7.75, Lifeguards \$9.00, Water Safety Instructors \$9.75, Head Lifeguard \$10.25, Assistant Manager \$11.25 and Manager \$13.25. Motion by Diekman and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to freeze the wages for the swimming pool staff and to leave the 2011 hourly rates at the 2010 rates.

B. Hire 2011 swimming pool employees. Unger has gone through the applications and talked to some of the applicants. His recommendations for hire include:

Maggie Eisenbeis – Manager, WSI

Laney Lewis and Jake Manitz – Assistant Managers, WSI

Alaina Pappas – Head Lifeguard, WSI

Water Safety Instructors:

Justin Glowa and Mati Winkels

Lifeguards:

Marissa Dufault, Tara Rasmussen, Sam Rappe, Jacie Lewis, Katie Thompson, Jesse Johnson, Nicole Acker, Schafer Knoepke, Kyle Glowa, Peter Schwartz, Derrick Austinson

Lifeguards that will be getting their certifications before the pool opens:

Anna Coleman, Katelyn Goodman, Jake Hodge, Samantha Meixell, Tanner Minette, Benjamin Peters, Levi Skogen, Dustin Stevens, Kailyn Wigham and Riley Krebs

Those individuals will be hired subject to successful completion of the Lifeguard Training Course.

Crossing guard/Cashiers:

Kayla Shurson, Alisha Birgin, Mariah Knutson, Shane McWhirter, Paige Demary and Kelcie Poffenberger

Motion by Diekman and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to recommend hiring the listed slate of employees for the 2011 season at the wage designated for the position.

Sam Buchl, LGI, will be teaching a lifeguard training class at the pool from May 20th -26th. The fee will be \$160.00 for this class.

C. Arbor Day Observance. The National Arbor Day observance is the last Friday in April. Unger has proposed having the local observance on Monday, May 16th at 5:00 P.M. A tree will be planted on the Public Works Building lot. Diekman will let Unger know if she can find some volunteers to plant the tree.

D. Concerts in the Park. Unger indicated there are funds budgeted to continue the summer concerts. If anyone has ideas for groups that would be able to do a concert, they should contact Naig.

E. Consider meeting time change. The members in attendance agreed that a morning meeting would fit their schedules better than the current Tuesday night meetings. After discussion, the consensus is that Monday mornings would have the least conflicts with the members' other schedules. Motion by Schriever and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to change the Park Board meeting time to the second Monday of the month at 8:00 A.M. at the City Council Chambers.

IV. Old Business:

A. Park Projects update.

1. **Warming house update.** Meyers has approached a few groups to obtain funds for construction of the warming house. The estimated cost for materials is \$8,500.00. The project may be postponed until fall since he has not been able to get commitments for donations to fund the project. He indicated there have been more offers for donations of labor rather than funds.

2. **Skate park equipment installation.** American Ramp Company representatives will be here on April 26th & 27th to install the skate park equipment. City crews will be working on the hockey boards this week since they need to have the ice rink radius determined before the skate equipment can be installed.

3. S.H.I.P. grant request. Unger submitted the request for \$1,200.00 in grant funds to Sherry Sonnenberg. She indicated there is limited funding available in the S.H.I.P. The funding decision was to be made by the Directors by April 15th on the grant requests for the community pool days. Sonnenberg has not contacted Unger with the outcome. Unger also stated that she will probably schedule the community swim days on Wednesdays this summer.

4. Arena update. When the frost boils are out of the ground, the blacktop work will begin on the arena parking lot. Work should be started in late May or early June.

There were good crowds for the Owatonna Express games. Unger reported there is a 15 team tournament coming up this week at the Arena.

The new compressors have been installed. Harty Mechanical has found a design problem that may be the reason that the arena has had so many compressors replaced. There have been eight compressors replaced at the Arena in the 15 years of operation. There is a meeting set up with representatives of Harty Mechanical on April 20th to discuss the design problems. Meyers asked if any of the other rinks with mechanical systems designed by RinkTech are having the same problems.

5. Park Department update. Unger reported that one of his staff is on a medical leave. He may have to do the start up of the pool in May. This leave may also have an effect on how the cemetery maintenance work is done. Jason Van Every and Orlando Perez have been hired to mow in the parks on a part-time basis again this summer.

B. Adult softball update. League play will begin on Thursday, April 28th. There will be 14 mens' teams and 7 co-rec teams. Tournaments will be in mid-August.

C. Boulevard tree program update. Forty-six trees have been ordered this year. Perennial Barn and The Treehouse will be planting the trees in mid-May. Unger is still checking the trees that were planted last year for warranty replacement needs.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Diekman and second by Meyers, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

Chairperson

Secretary