

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES MAY 9, 2011**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Kasson Park Board meeting was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 9th day of May 2011 at 8:00 A.M.

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

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Becky Diekman

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

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:08 A.M. by Chairperson Schriever.

**II. Approval of minutes:** Motion by Kuball and second by Fitch, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the April 2011 meeting.

**III. New Business:**

**A. Hire additional swimming pool employees.** Unger has received applications for employment from two more people that will be taking the Lifeguard training course. Motion by Schriever and second by Meyers, with all voting Aye, to add Zachary Bernatz and Tully Hovda to the roster of people that will be taking Lifeguard training course and to recommend their hire as Lifeguards at the hourly wage of \$9.00 - subject to successful completion of the course.

The roster for the Lifeguard training class is now at eleven participants.

**B. Request for pool passes-Library Summer Reading Program.** Children's Librarian, Ingvild Herfindahl, submitted a request for a donation of swimming pool passes for the prizes that can be earned in the Summer Reading Program at the Kasson Public Library. Motion by Fitch and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to donate 10 single day passes to the Library for the 2011 Summer Reading Program.

**IV. Old Business:**

**A. Park Projects update.**

**1. Skate park equipment installation.** Due to a scheduling error, American Ramp Company representatives were not able to install the skate park equipment in April as planned. Unger asked if the Board would be willing to order phase II of the equipment in the budgeted amount of \$12,500.00. He would like to order the additional items and have everything installed simultaneously, if this can be arranged with American Ramp Company.

Motion by Kuball and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to order phase II of the skate park equipment and ask American Ramp Company to install both phases at the same time, if the additional equipment can be available on a timely basis.

2. Arena parking lot update. The surface of the parking lot should be done in late May or early June if the weather permits. The parking lot came through the winter without frost boils and is ready for the final surface work.

3. Swimming pool registrations. Unger noted that the City's web site is being updated by Jason Van Every. The swimming pool registration forms are available on line. As of April 30<sup>th</sup> the registration numbers are: Family Passes-9, Single Passes-2, Lessons-73, Tiny Tots-7, Swim Team-5. The deadline to register is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

The swimming pool exploratory committee met last week. In June they will meet with some pool designers. In July they plan to visit area pools. They are encouraged that things are looking up for construction of a new pool.

Kuball asked if safety tile should be added around the fence at the pool. Money has not been budgeted for this in 2011. Unger will check into pricing for the tile. Board Members questioned if funds should be spent on this project since a new facility is being considered.

Unger heard back from Sherry Sonnenberg, Dodge County S.H.I.P. Coordinator, concerning our grant request. The request was considered and the City of Kasson was awarded \$1,100.00 for the free swim days at the pool in 2011. This summer the S.H.I.P. days will be on Wednesdays and the Kasson Pool will be assigned the second Wednesday each month. Four pools in the County will participate in this program.

4. Arena update. Meyers told the Board that the warming house project is on hold until fall because of funding. He asked if a 20' x 30' pad could be poured by the City so that work on the structure could begin as soon as funding is available. Unger indicated that there are no funds in the 2011 budget for the pad and this should be submitted as a budget request in July/August of this year for 2012 funding consideration.

Unger indicated that repairs to the boards for the outdoor rink are more extensive than they anticipated. The project will take a considerable amount of time to complete.

**B. Arbor Day.** Board Members were reminded that next Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the City will be observing Arbor Day. A tree will be planted at the Public Works Building at 5:00 P.M.

**C. Other.**

- Unger reminded the Board to start thinking about budget items for 2012.
- Kuball indicated that the Lions Club is actively working to help with the message board in Lions Park.
- There was discussion about the need for more policing in Veterans Memorial Park. People are dumping their personal garbage in the waste receptacles, people are in the park until early morning and the parks are to be closed to the public at 11:00 P.M., drivers are not reducing their speed when children are playing in the park and the ball field lights are staying on all night. If these things continue to be a problem, it was suggested that the Police Chief be invited to a Park Board meeting.

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Adjourn:** Motion by Fitch and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 A.M.

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Chairperson

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Secretary