

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES JULY 18, 2011

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

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Mike Marti, Terry Meyers, Greg Kuball, Joe Fitch, Sharon Schriever (arrived at 8:03A.M.) and Liza Larsen (arrived at 8:05 A.M.)

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Becky Diekman

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Mendenhall, Park & Rec Supervisor Ron Unger, Secretary Jan Naig and City Administrator Randy Lenth (arrived 8:15 A.M.)

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:02 A.M. by Unger.

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

III. New Business:

A. Park plans – 19th Street NE. Tim Mendenhall, resident of 815 19th Street NE, was in attendance to talk about a drainage issue on his property. He had previously talked to the City Council. He had considered asking the Park Board for an easement to construct a pond at the edge of his property to help alleviate the drainage problem. After the heavy rains on July 15th, he is no longer interested in the easement to construct the pond. He would like the City to make some changes to the parkland to help with the drainage around his property. His concern is that as the lots on 20th Street NE continue to be developed, the drainage problem is expected to get worse.

Lenth asked if the Board has plans for the development of this park. It was suggested that the Park Board have a neighborhood meeting in the fall to find out what amenities the residents would like to have in their neighborhood park.

B. Festival in the Park. Unger gave a brief overview of what is happening with the Festival in the Park. Lucas Unger and Brandon Richardson will do the trash pick up again this year. They will be paid \$11.00 per hour for the hours worked.

The Street Dance will be at the Fire Hall on Friday night instead of in the Park. City staff will move refuse containers and tables to the Fire Hall. There was discussion about having recycling containers available for the Festival.

The lifeguards plan to have a float in the parade. They will also help with the Belly Flop Contest at the pool on Saturday.

Unger will talk to Dean Nelson about the field maintenance fees that are owed for the past tournaments prior to the Festival in the Park 2011 tournament.

C. 2012 Budget items. Unger is working on the proposed budget for 2012. No large projects or purchases are anticipated. The following is a list of some of the repair and maintenance items:

- Handicap lift for the pool. Public pools that do not have zero depth entry are required to install a lift to make them ADA accessible. The Board recommended that a letter be sent to the State asking for a waiver on this requirement because the City is actively pursuing construction of a new pool.
- West Park projects
 - Decking for 3rd baseline bleachers
 - Cement pads for the dugouts
 - New lighting
 - Repairs to the existing bleachers along the 1st baseline
- Veterans Memorial Park projects
 - Repair fascia & cement and replant arborvitae at the West shelter
 - Tuck-point the stone flower planter
 - Repair backstops on both ball fields
- Lions Park projects
 - Clear the new park land for the extra nine holes of the Disc Golf course.
 - Order 9 Disc Golf baskets
 - Install an electronic message board
- Construct a warming house for outdoor rink at the Ice Arena
- Get pricing for a stump grinder. (It may be more cost efficient for the City to grind stumps rather than to contract this service.)

IV. Old Business:

A. Park Projects update.

Kasson Softball Association has donated steel for the ceiling in the deck at the concession stand in Veterans Memorial Park. Installation will be complete by Festival. The deck will also be stained.

Safety tile will be installed on the West Park ball field fence.

City crews lifted (trimmed) the trees along Mantorville Avenue last week.

B. Swimming pool committee update. Unger, Larsen and Mayor Tjosaas visited the pools in Stewartville and Plainview on June 30th. Both were designed by U.S. Aquatics. City representatives at both pools pointed out the positives and negatives of their projects.

C. S.H.I.P. Update. The second S.H.I.P. day was Wednesday, July 13th. The total attendance on that day was 133. There were 68 that did not have a season pass who did not pay an admission fee. Unger indicated there may not be funding for this program in 2012.

D. Music in the Park. There are two concerts scheduled for the Gazebo in Veterans Memorial Park. On July 21st the Rochester Area Accordion Band will perform. On August 4th Les Fields and the Turkey River All-Stars will perform. The Kasson Chamber of Commerce will have pop and popcorn available for the attendees.

E. Other.

Fitch asked about the cleaning schedule for the portables in Veterans Memorial Park. He has heard many complaints about the condition of the units on Thursday nights. Unger will check with Affordable Portables because they were to be doing extra cleanings. The portables should be clean for the adult softball on Thursday and Friday nights as well as the weekends when the shelters are reserved for family events.

Kuball asked about the concession stand operations. The stands have not been open consistently on Friday evenings. The Board may need to find another operator if the Nelsons do not want to have them open when the league softball games are scheduled.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Fitch and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

Chairperson

Secretary