

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2011

Due to lack of a quorum, the Kasson Park Board meeting scheduled at Kasson City Hall on the 10th day of October 2011 at 8:00 A.M. was a discussion of agenda items with those in attendance.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Sharon Schriever, Terry Meyers and Greg Kuball

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Becky Diekman, Joe Fitch, Liza Larsen and Mike Marti

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Randy Lenth, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ron Unger and Secretary Jan Naig

Items discussed:

- A. 2011 Swimming Pool report.** Unger distributed copies of the 2011 Swimming Pool Report submitted by Manager Maggie Eisenbeis.
- Unger pointed out that numbers were down in many of our programs. We are losing patrons to the Dodge Center Aquatic Center.
 - A new program added by Manager Eisenbeis was a monthly 500 meter swim requirement for all lifeguards.
 - Unger also briefly went through the list of recommendations.
 - Unger also informed the Board that Eisenbeis thanked them for showing their confidence in her abilities by hiring her to manage the pool this summer.

B. Amendment to Ice Arena fee schedule. Arena Manager Howarth indicated the Winter Fee for ice time rates will be changing from \$160.00 per hour to \$165.00 per hour rate. Other rates will be reviewed early next year. Meyers told the Board that Howarth regularly does a competitive survey of other area arenas to determine the rates for the Arena.

The ceiling and humidity exchanger are two large items that are still in need of repair at the Arena. The motor on the zamboni may need an overhaul in the near future. The two capital items in the budget for 2012 are the compressors and the electric ice edger. The City and County are trying to make some money rather than taking on major repair projects in 2012. Lenth distributed copies of the "Review of Arena Operations-Fair 2011". This report was requested by the Fair Board to find out how operating the Arena during the Fair affected the Arena revenues.

C. Resignation of Board Member Schriever-designate new Chairperson.

This is Schriever's last meeting as a Park Board member. She will be moving out of town this month. She appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Board and enjoyed working with the other Board Members. She has been on the Board since January of 2000 and has served as Chairperson since January 2007.

The Board thanked Schriever for her contributions to the Park Board over the years. No action was taken to appoint a new Chairperson.

D. Swimming Pool Committee update. A representative from U.S.

Aquatics met with the Committee in late September after touring and getting information about the pool. Kasson's pool will not meet all requirements to be compliant with Federal law. Most of the issues are with ADA compliance. The baby pool will not open in 2012 because it will not be compliant with State or Federal requirements.

The Committee liked the concept of the Stewartville pool. They felt the size, slides and concession stand would be similar to those the City of Kasson would need. One item the Committee is considering is having a two-basin pool.

The Committee also started discussing fund-raising options. Lenth explained to the Park Board that to have an election for a special referendum in 2012, the proposed question must go to the State in February and the election must be held by the first week in April.

E. Park projects update.

- City crews have been working on the boards for the outdoor hockey rink. The poles for the netting to protect the building should be set today.
- Wood chips for the playground modulars will be ordered this Fall.
- Shakopee lime has been added to the ball fields.
- The youth football program is nearing completion. Unger has received several phone calls thanking the City for the work done on the football field.
- The exterior of the Veterans Memorial Park concession stand should be stained by the end of the week.
- SL Contracting has added drain tile in Kasson Meadows subdivision. This should help with the drainage around the Mendenhall home on 19th Street NE. The Park Department will add grass seed this Fall.
- Kuball has been in discussion with someone that may have an interest in running the concession stands next summer.

The discussion closed at 9:10 A.M.

Secretary