

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Kasson Park Board meeting was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011 at 8:00 A.M.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Greg Kuball, Terry Meyers, Joe Fitch, Mike Marti and Liza Larsen (arrived at 8:08 A.M.)

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Becky Diekman

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

Kuball was appointed Acting Chairperson.

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:05 A.M. by Kuball.

**II. Approval of minutes:** Motion by Fitch and second by Meyers, with all voting Aye, to approve the September minutes and October meeting notes.

**III. New Business:**

**A. Tree City USA.** The application for the Tree City USA designation is due in mid-December. Unger has been putting the information together and hopes to submit the application on-line. The Park Board will be working to revise the Tree Ordinance early in 2012.

There was a brief discussion about the Emerald Ash Borer. Unger talked about the information he has received concerning tracking and containment of the pest.

**B. Adult basketball league.** Unger reported the league is scheduled to begin play on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The season will run through mid-March. Motion by Kuball and second by Larsen to appoint Joe Fitch as league supervisor of the adult basketball league for the 2012 season at the rate of \$ 35.00/night. Ayes: Kuball, Meyers, Marti and Larsen. Nays: None. Abstain: Fitch.

**C. Veterans Memorial Park Concession Stand.** Jerry Boyd is retiring from his full time job and is interested in running the Veterans Memorial Park concession stands in 2012. Boyd and Unger met with representatives from the Minnesota Department of Health to determine what needs to be done in the concession stand to meet code so that hot foods can be served. It was determined that to tile the floors and purchase the necessary stainless steel sink and appliances the cost would be between \$4,000.00 and \$5000.00. If Boyd runs the stands, an agreement would be put in place (similar to the Ice Arena agreement) requiring a percentage of the profit be given back to the Park Department.

Kuball indicated the Kasson Softball Association is in the process of disbanding. They may be able to donate funds help with the cost of renovating the concession stand.

Festival in the Park Committee has been contacted by K.S.A. about continuing to place the banners on the ballfield fences. The Committee would consider collecting a portion of the adult softball players' fees to help maintain the parks. Kuball thanked the City for allowing K.S.A. to place the banners on the fences in the past. Unger thanked K.S.A. for all they have done to invest in and improve the city parks since 1982.

**D. Board members with terms expiring in 2011.** The two Board Members whose terms expire in December are Meyers and the vacant seat. Meyers is willing to continue serving on the Board. No applications have been returned for the vacant seat.

There was also discussion about the need to attend the meetings. Kuball asked that the Board commit to attending at least nine of the twelve meetings in the year.

#### **IV. Old Business:**

**A. Swimming Pool Committee update.** Unger presented the Schematic Design for a pool that was prepared by USAquatics. USAquatics has also prepared budget estimates for the plan. The Committee will be meeting again on Thursday evening to discuss fundraising options and how they will get information out to the public for a referendum. Park Board Members are encouraged to attend any of the Pool Committee meetings.

Meyers asked if a year-round facility had been considered. Unger and Lenth both explained that they are two different types of facilities and that after much consideration the Committee decided an outdoor facility meets the needs of the community.

#### **B. Park Projects update.**

-Lime has been delivered for the ballfields and the grass around the fields has been edged.

-The Veterans Memorial Park lift station has been eliminated. There will be some work on the park grounds in the spring.

-The exterior of the Veterans Memorial Park concession stand has been stained.

-Outdoor rink-The boards are in place. Chain link fence will be placed above the glass boards. By the end of next week the outdoor rink enclosure should be completed.

-Wood chips for the playground modulars should be delivered this week.

**C. Other.**

Lenth explained to the Park Board that the Dodge County Fair Board wants to use the ice arena building during the 2012 Fair. The Arena was \$9,000.00 to the good in 2011 and it is expected that number will increase as Howarth is able to schedule more activity during Fair Week. He wanted the Board to be aware of the situation in case questions arise.

The Board will meet on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> instead of the 12<sup>th</sup> due to conflicts in schedules.

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Adjourn:** Motion by Fitch and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 A.M.

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Acting Chairperson

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Secretary