

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES APRIL 16, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Kasson Park Board meeting was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 16th day of April 2012 at 8:00 A.M.

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Becky Diekman

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

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

II. Approval of minutes: Motion by Fitch and second by Marti, with all voting Aye, to approve the February and March 2012 minutes.

III. New Business:

A. Oath of office-Franke. Kuball administered the oath of office for Roger Franke. He will serve a three year term through 2014. Kuball welcomed him to the Board and introductions were made.

B. D.C.Y.H A. representative. Jeff Kraus, the incoming president of the D.C.Y.H.A., came before the Board to discuss the impact that ice time costs are having on the Association. The Association is making marginal profits on the tournaments they have hosted. They would like the Board to take another look at the ice rental fees that are charged.

Meyers will meet with Kraus to find out more about how the Association is operating and do some brainstorming. He will report back to the Board.

Meyers also talked about the need for a “hockey officials development” program. It would help with some of the tournament costs if a pool of local referees could be put into place.

C. Set summer swimming pool wages. The Board discussed the wages for all of the seasonal employees. Motion was made by Fitch and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to set the 2012 summer hourly wages at: Crossing Guard/cashier-\$7.75, 1st year lifeguards-\$8.50, returning lifeguards-\$9.00, Water Safety Instructors-\$10.00, Head lifeguard- \$10.50, Assistant Managers-\$11.25 and Manager-\$13.25, 1st year lawn mowers-\$10.00 with a \$.50 per hour increase for each additional year of employment.

D. Hire 2012 swimming pool employees. Nick Fitch and Neil Fjerstad have been hired at the 1st year lawn mowing rate and Jason Van Every has been hired at the 3rd year lawn mowing rate for the 2012 season.

Motion was made by Marti and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to recommend the hire of the following seasonal employees for the 2012 summer:

Manager/WSI: Maggie Eisenbeis

Assistant Managers/WSI: Alaina Pappas and Mati Winkels

Head Lifeguard/WSI: Justin Glowa

WSI's: Jacob Manitz, Schafer Knoepke and Kyle Glowa

Lifeguards (returning): Tara Rasmussen, Marissa Dufault, Nicole Acker,

Peter Schwartz, Jesse Johnson, Jacie Lewis, Dustin Stevens, Khendra

Johnson, Katelyn Goodman, Jacob Hodge, Zachary Bernatz, Kailyn Wigham,

Samantha Meixell, Samuel Rappe, Riley Krebs, Anna Coleman and Tully

Hovda

Lifeguards (1st year): Angela Ostroot, Mark Ostroot and Camille Snyder

Lifeguards (1st year-subject to successful completion of the Lifeguard

Training Course): Abigail Tjosaas, Tanner Dufault, Adrianna Johnson, Dana

Rasmussen, Tanner Minette, Meghan Matthiesen, Nick Murry and Maia

Determan

Crossing guard/cashiers: Alisha Birgin, Paige Demary and Kelcie

Poffenberger

There will be three open Crossing guard/Cashier positions. Unger will conduct interviews prior to filling these positions.

E. Review revised Tree Ordinance. Unger is still working on the draft of the revised Tree Ordinance. He will have it ready for review in May.

Kuball again stated the need for the City to have a forestry department with a Forester on staff that is separate from the Parks Department.

F. Review contract with USAquatics. Copies of the proposed contract with USAquatics were distributed. Lenth asked the Board to review the contracts and contact him with any questions or concerns. He will be meeting with representatives from USAquatics before the final contract goes to City Council for approval. Best value procurement will be used for the bid process.

G. Set Arbor Day observance. The national Arbor Day observance is the last Friday in April (April 27th). Unger has set May 15th for the local observance. A tree will be planted at the Public Works Building at 5:00 P.M. All Board Members are encouraged to attend the Arbor Day tree planting ceremony.

IV. Old Business:

A. Boulevard tree program update. Forty-six trees were sold this year. The Lions Club purchased trees to plant in Lions Park near the playground modular. The Treehouse will be planting trees in northwest, southwest and southeast Kasson. Perennial Barn will plant in northeast. All trees will be planted before the second week in May.

B. Adult softball update. There are 14 men's teams and 7 co-rec teams signed up for 2012. All but one team have paid their fees. The start dates will be May 3rd and May 4th. The season will extend through mid-August. Sunday night will be the rain make up night.

C. Free Swim Days. S.H.I.P. no longer has funding available. Unger has been in contact with Dodge County Public Health and has explained to them that Kasson will probably run their own program this year. Motion was made by Larsen and second by Marti, with all voting Aye, to offer one free swim day per month in the months of June and July for 2012. Unger will work with the pool management to select dates and get the notifications out to the public. The Board also discussed having free open skate days at the arena. No action was taken until we can get some input from Manager Howarth.

D. Update-K-M Elementary PTA request. Naig informed the Board that she had discussed the 10 free swim OR open skate passes with Howarth. He suggested that we give 10 swim passes AND 10 open skate passes. This was a change from what had been discussed in March. The pool and arena passes were donated and a thank you was received from the PTA.

E. Meeting time. Kuball asked the Board if the 3rd Monday of the month is working for all of them for the meeting time. The Board is still in agreement to keep the meeting time as is.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Marti and second by Fitch, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 A.M.

Chairperson

Secretary

Lenth distributed copies of the questionnaire for the electronic message board and asked each of the Board Members to submit their ideas.