

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES JUNE 18, 2012

The Kasson Park Board meeting on the 18th day of June 2012 at 8:00 A.M. was a discussion of agenda items due to lack of a quorum.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Terry Meyers, Roger Franke and Liza Larsen (arrived at 8:29 A.M.)

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Mike Marti, Becky Diekman, Greg Kuball and Joe Fitch

ALSO PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ron Unger and Secretary Jan Naig

I. New Business:

A. Signage-Veterans Memorial Park. Unger informed the Board that signage will be placed near the ball fields in Veterans Memorial Park regarding dogs running loose in the Park. People are using the football and softball fields as a dog park and they are not cleaning up after their pets. It is taking City crews considerable time to clean up the fields each day so that people can use them without making contact with the excrement.

B. Family Swim pool request-Meghan Stromme. Meghan Stromme works in Youth Ministry at St. Johns Church. She contacted Unger about scheduling a youth group swim for students in grades nine through twelve on a Family Swim Night. The Board Members in attendance were in agreement that it would be best to keep the Family Swim Night for families. The group can rent the pool if they want to host a teen event.

When the new aquatic center opens, some teen swim nights will be scheduled. Unger will work with pool staff to plan some activities that will attract more teens for these special nights.

C. Main Street city lot project. The lot on West Main Street that was landscaped by the Eagle Scout last year is filling with weeds. City crews are working to clean up the lot. A five foot Fraser Fir will be planted and benches will be added in the lot.

II. Old Business:

A. Aquatic Center Committee meeting update. The next meeting of the Aquatic Center Committee will be on June 25th. They will be working on the information for the pre-bid meeting for the local contractors.

There are some concerns about the water mains that are available to feed the new aquatic center. The existing main is only a four inch main. The larger eight inch main would come from Hwy 57.

B. Personnel changes at swimming pool. Samantha Stauffer has taken another job and will not be able to work as a Crossing guard/Cashier. Dana Rasmussen was previously hired as a 1st year lifeguard. She was not able to get into a Red Cross training program due to conflicts with softball. She will be moved to a Crossing guard/Cashier to replace Stauffer.

C. Gazebo update. Unger indicated the gazebo will be moved sometime next week. Three trees will be taken down before the structure is moved.

D. City Park – Blaines 12th subdivision. Construction crews have started working on the street in Blaines 12th. Eventually the tile lines and dirt moving will begin in the designated park area.

E. Concession stand update. The work on the Veterans Memorial Park concession stand is complete. The application and fees have been submitted to the MN Department of Health. Dodge County Youth Hockey is running the stand. A portion of the profits will be donated to the parkland account.

F. Tree stumps. Unger has given Bret Johnson the list of 34 stumps to grind out. He estimates there will be about eight more from the June 14th storm.

G. Arena update. Meyers gave a brief update on the Ice Arena.

- There has been a reduction in participation numbers. The Hockey Association is doing marketing at local community events and parades.
- They are working to get a warming house for the outdoor rink. The Association is looking into a grant to provide some funds for the warming house.
- They are working on an “Intro to Hockey” program.
- They would like to start a figure skating program.
- They would like to find a place to relocate the skate/bike park so that the outdoor rink can be used for hockey programs year-round.

Secretary

The next meeting will be on July 16 at 8:15 A.M.