

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 7, 2013

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at the Kasson Public Works Building on the 7th day of August 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Chuck Coleman, Joe Fitch, Jason Moritz, Terry Meyers, Liza Larsen, Roger Franke and Greg Kuball

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Economic Development Coordinator Mike Martin, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ron Unger, City Administrator Randy Lenth and Secretary Jan Naig

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Kuball.

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Moritz and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to approve the July 2013 Park Board Minutes.

III. New Business:

A. Potential Lions Park development. Martin distributed copies of a letter from Oppidan, Inc. They would like to pursue land acquisition from the City of Kasson on land that is now part of Lions Park along Mantorville Avenue and 4th Street SW. The land would be used for a 36,000 S.F. retail structure and a 6,500 S.F. fast food/convenience structure. Oppidan proposes to swap land for a new public park and to provide funding to relocate current park equipment and funding for lot paving. Martin is working to obtain 16 acres of the Blaine property to the west of the existing park land as part of the land swap.

Coleman also reported on a possible change to West Park. The Library Building Committee has been working on a possible FEMA Grant for the construction of a new municipal library/shelter. The FEMA application process requires that four potential city-owned sites be designated for the new facility. The preferred choice is still the Old Elementary School site. Due to legal process delaying the demolition of the building, the West Park site will be submitted as the site on the FEMA application that is due in October. The Board discussed some possible changes to the amenities in the parks if both of these developments move forward.

B. Scoreboard for football field. The Byron, Kasson-Mantorville Youth Football Association has disbanded. The organization had funds that will be disbursed between Byron and Kasson-Mantorville programs. The K-M organizers have talked to Unger about using their portion of the funds to purchase a scoreboard for the football field in Veterans Memorial Park.

IV. Old Business:

A. MN WiFi update. Unger met with Darin Steffl of Minnesota WiFi, LLC today. He will be mounting a 16” dish on the Aquatic Center building. The WiFi should be available in Veterans Memorial Park before Festival in the Park on August 9th. He will not be able to install the equipment in West Park this summer.

B. Other. The speaker system that can be used throughout Veterans Memorial Park was installed today. There are speakers in the east shelter, gazebo, concession stand and Aquatic Center building.

Unger also reported on the lightning damage to the camera system in Veterans Memorial Park. He is working with the League of Minnesota Cities insurance adjuster and has submitted two estimates for the repairs.

Unger gave a brief update on things that still need to be completed or repaired at the Aquatic Center facility.

Fitch reported that the step near the ball field is in need of repair because the spring rains washed around it and it is now loose.

Kuball asked about possibly purchasing banners for the new light poles in Veterans Memorial Park in the future.

V. Correspondence: Ingvild Herfindahl of the Kasson Public Library sent a thank you for the donation of swim passes for the Summer Reading Program.

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Fitch and second by Meyers, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

Chairperson

Secretary