

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2014

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 14th day of January 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Jason Moritz

ALSO PRESENT: Judy Ruport, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ron Unger and Deputy Clerk Jan Naig

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Kuball.

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

III. New Business:

A. Adult Basketball League. The Adult Basketball League began play on January 5th. There are six teams. Due to scheduling issues the league will have an eight week season which should end in mid-March.

B. Tree City USA application. Unger has submitted the 2013 application for Tree City USA. Thirty-five trees were planted in 2013 and 51 were removed. Total expenditures for the tree programs were \$63,667.30 in 2013.

Unger is still revising the City's Tree Ordinance.

If the funds budgeted for the boulevard tree program are not used by residents, Unger will buy some trees for the City to replace those that were removed. There are plans to do tree maintenance and for tree planting in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Coleman thanked Unger for the work he did to help the Asprey family with the issue at the Maple Grove Cemetery last year.

C. Veterans Park concession stand. Using Aquatic Center employees to staff the Veterans Park concession stand in 2013 did not work well. Unger plans to hire people that will work only in the Park concession stand in 2014. He has spoken to the KMYBA Board to make sure that the City's fields will be utilized so that there is a need to keep the stand open nightly.

D. Skate park – Lions Park. Unger showed the Board a potential site for the skate park in the new park land between the two apartment buildings on County Road 34. He will get pricing for a 130' x 65' cement pad. The Board needs to select a site so that construction can begin early in the spring.

E. Aquatic Center interview update. Unger expressed his appreciation to Larsen and Moritz for spending three days in December to interview prospective Aquatic Center employees. Sixty-eight interviews were conducted. They felt the interview process was a good experience and they were impressed with how well the applicants handled themselves. Since Moritz was not in attendance, Unger and Larsen asked that the recommendations for hiring the manager and supervisors be tabled until the February meeting.

F. Park Board vacancy. No applications have been received for the Park Board opening. Naig will send applications to those whose names were suggested as possible candidates.

IV. Old Business:

A. Lions Park update. The Board reviewed the new plat map of Lions Park. They discussed possible options for relocating the skate park and for relocation of the modular. They also looked at options for location of a parking area, a shelter and other possible amenities. Flood mitigation will determine what can be done with the new park ground. Ruport noted that the residents in the neighborhood are concerned about the possible flooding and also for the safety of the people using the parks. Unger indicated that the City will trim back the overgrown trees and bushes and installation of security cameras is planned for the new park area.

B. Arena update. Meyers presented the information he received from Arena Manager Howarth concerning the revenue that would be lost during the week of the Dodge County Fair if the ice is removed from the Dodge County Arena. The 2014 estimate for lost revenue is \$28,845.00. This information will be available for the next meeting between the City Council and County Board representatives.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Meyers and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Chairperson

Secretary

The next meeting will be on February 18th at 6:00 P.M.