

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 15th day of December 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Jason Moritz

ALSO PRESENT: Alaina Pappas, Rose Pappas, Tracy Asche, Michael & Michelle Asche, Josh Mitchell, Mary Barber-Schmitz, Gretta Becay, Randy Carlsen, KAAL Reporter, Mayor Matt Nelson, Barb Meyer, Judy Ruport, City Administrator Randy Lenth, Parks & Rec 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 Sinning and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the November 2014 Kasson Park Board Meeting.

The Board switched the order of the new business items to allow the family of the youth who was the subject of the lifesaving to be present for the award presentation.

III. New Business:

A. Plan for renaming of City parks. A map was distributed showing the eight city parks. Veterans Memorial Park and Lions Park are the only two that have designated names. Except for the Tot Lot in the northeast, all of the other parks are just labeled with a directional name. The Board discussed the need to set some criteria for an individual, business or organization to have a park named. It may be a monetary donation or a donation of time and amenities. Once the criteria are set, the developers (ie: Bigelow, Blaine and Lampland) could be contacted to see if they would like to have a park named. In the future, the Board may also consider naming the fields within the parks to honor specific individuals.

B. Presentation of Red Cross lifesaving award. Mary Barber-Schmitz, American Red Cross Preparedness, Health and Safety Services representative, was in attendance to present the American Red Cross Lifesaving Award to Tracy Asche and Alaina Pappas for their efforts to save a life at the Kasson Aquatic Center on May 24th. They were given a certificate, medallion and pin in recognition of their efforts. Mayor Nelson thanked them on behalf of the City and reminded them that parents put their trust in the staff when their kids are in the pool. Kuball thanked them on behalf of the Park Board. He acknowledged the entire staff at the K.A.C. for their training and he also noted it is nice to see positive results for what could have been a tragic situation.

Motion by Kuball and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to purchase a plaque for the Kasson Aquatic Center that will recognize Asche and Pappas for saving a life at the facility.

IV. Old Business:

A. Update on Council's decision regarding additional non-resident member. Coleman has researched the City Ordinances going back to 1982 when the Park Board was established. He has not found any information about a residency requirement. The determination is that Larsen will continue to serve the balance of her term since there is nothing in the ordinance that would require her to leave upon a change of residency.

There was some discussion about writing guidelines concerning who can serve on the Park Board for the City Council to consider as an amendment to the existing ordinance (92.15).

B. Library Project. Coleman had plans for the Library available for the Park Board to view.

V. Correspondence:

Meyers reminded the Board that the Lions and Leo Clubs would like to partner with the Park Board in organizing the City's cleanup campaign. Any specific projects that the Board wants them to work on will need to be identified.

VI. Adjourn:

Motion by Kuball and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20th at 6:00 P.M.