

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 18th day of November 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Jason Moritz

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

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Kuball.

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Sinning and second by Larsen, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the October 2014 Kasson Park Board Meeting.

Item A. of New Business was amended to include the misc. park and rec fees and the ice arena fees.

III. New Business:

A. Set 2015 Aquatic Center program fees, park and rec fees and ice arena fees. The various park and rec fees and aquatic center program fees were discussed. Unger also distributed copies of the proposed 2015-2016 ice arena fee schedule.

The Board decided that the funbrellas are not being used as originally planned. One of the funbrellas will be set aside for use by group rentals only. The fee for renting the funbrellas will be reduced and the hours available for group rental will be increased in hopes that more people will use the space for parties and gatherings.

Motion by Larsen and second by Meyers, with all voting Aye, to recommend the following changes to the fee schedule for 2015:

Funbrella Rentals-3 hour rental

Non-refundable fee	\$50.00	-scheduled 2 weeks prior to event
Ball Field Maintenance	\$15.00/hour	
Winter Ice Rental (youth programs)	\$175.00/hour	

All other fees will remain at the level set on the 2014 Fee Schedule.

Unger has not been able to reach Michelle Jacob of Xtreme Fitness to go over the 2014 program and discuss possible water fitness programs for 2015. He hopes to have 2014 numbers for the December meeting.

B. Adult basketball league. Unger has gym time arranged with the school for the 2015 adult basketball league. The season will begin on January 4th. There are 10 weeks scheduled for games. Seven teams are in the league. Unger has been informed that the supervisors from 2014 will not be returning. Arnold Menchaca has agreed to supervise the program.

Motion by Larsen and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to hire Arnold Menchaca to supervise the adult basketball league for ten weeks at a rate of \$35.00 per week.

C. Set interviews for Aquatic Center employees. Unger only plans to interview those applying for the manager and supervisor positions and any new applicants who apply for employment at the Aquatic Center. He plans to do interviews between December 23rd and January 2nd during the holiday break.

D. Members with terms that expire in 2014: Franke, Meyers. Both Meyers and Franke have indicated they would be willing to serve another term.

Kuball asked if the City Council had made a decision about allowing Larsen to continue serving on the Board. Coleman indicated that the Council has not addressed the issue. There are concerns about having two members on the Board who do not reside within the city limits. Larsen will draft a letter stating her reasons for wanting to continue serving for the City Council to review. The Kasson Park Board members are in support of keeping her on the Board. Coleman will take the matter to the next City Council meeting.

IV. Old Business:

A. Park updates/park planning.

1. Unger gave a brief update on what is happening in Northeast Park and in Lions Park. The cement work for the dugouts and bleachers is done in Northeast Park. If the weather allows, city employees will work on construction of the dugouts over the winter months. Lions Park has been dormant seeded. The chips for the modular have been delivered and will be spread as the weather allows.

2. K-M Youth Football projects. The crow's nest in Veterans Memorial Park is being constructed. The volunteers are working on the construction as time permits. The Association will work with the Park Board to continue the successful relationship.

3. Tree City USA. Unger is working on the application which needs to be sent in December. This will be the 35th year of Tree City USA. City crews will begin work on tree trimming and removal during the winter months.

B. Arena updates. Meyers gave a brief arena update.

- A floor to cover the ice during the Dodge County Fair has been located. The total cost of the floor is \$12,000.00 so the City's share of the cost would be \$6,000.00. It is estimated that six days of ice time will be lost during the Fair. The City will not be responsible for storing, set up or removal of the floor.
- Registrations for Dodge County Hockey are up 6% this fall. All programs are kicking off for the season.
- The outdoor rink is being prepared and will be used for the hockey programs.

Coleman indicated that the County is on board with the partnership to manage the arena. The County/City Arena Committee will not meet in December. In January the Committee will meet at the Arena. The Committee appreciates everything Howarth has done to work with the County and the Fair Board.

C. Red Cross lifesaving award update – change December meeting date.

Unger has been working with Mary Barber-Schmitz of the Red Cross for the presentation of the lifesaving award to Tracy Asche. Barber-Schmitz has a limited number of dates available to make the presentation before year end. Unger has talked to the Asche and Fricke families to set a date for the presentation. He also contacted local media so they are available for the presentation. The December Park Board meeting will change to Monday, December 15th so the lifesaving award can be presented as part of the monthly meeting.

V. Correspondence:

The Kasson Aquatic Center Committee still has funds from a donation which was made for use at the facility. A portion of the funds was used to purchase the benches in the locker rooms. Unger has ordered 14 permanent park benches to place around the perimeter of the facility. He has also ordered 12 trash receptacles with lids. The remaining funds will be used to purchase an engraved plaque which will acknowledge the members of the Aquatic Center Committee, Park Board and City Council who were serving when the facility was built. He also plans to list the contractors that were involved in the construction of the facility. The plaque will be hung in the Aquatic Center.

Meyers indicated the Lions and Leo Clubs would like to partner with the Park Board in organizing the City's cleanup campaign. Many students are in need of community service projects. Unger and the Park Board are asked to identify the projects and these clubs will help get the workers to carry out the cleanup work. They will continue to work with the Park Board on this project.

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 **Monday**, December 15th at 6:00 P.M.