

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 2016 draft

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 20th day of December at 6:00 P.M.

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: 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 Chairperson Larsen.
- II. **Approve minutes:** Motion by Farnsworth and second by Meyers, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the November 2016 Kasson Park Board Meeting.
- III. **New Business:**
 - A. **Members with terms expiring-Larsen & Sinning.** Both Larsen and Sinning expressed an interest in serving another term on the Park Board.
 - B. **EAB Management Plan update.** Door hanger cards have been distributed to all residences with ash trees in the boulevards. Homeowners are asked if they want to treat with injections or remove the trees. The majority of the cards that have been returned are asking to have the trees removed. Unger hopes to take down 20 to 25 trees this winter-if the weather allows the time needed. Those who treat their trees will be asked to turn in their receipts to City Hall for reimbursement.
 - C. **2017 Aquatic Center update.** Unger has spoken with the 2016 manager and supervisors to find out if they plan to return in 2017. Josh Mitchell, Brianna Knutson and Kailyn Wigham all plan to return. Unger has talked to Tanner Dufault and plans to offer him the third supervisor position. The number of applicants to work at the Aquatic Center is down. To date, three new lifeguards and 11 new inside worker/crossing guards have applied. Unger will be doing interviews between December 27th and December 29th.
 - D. **2017 Budget.** The City Council approved the 2017 budget at the December 14th meeting. Two items in the C.I.P. that remain are the lighting in the Lions Park parking lot and the Park Department's share of the new skid loader purchase.

Unger met with Dodge County Veterans Services Officer Todd Nelson and Dick Denny of the Kasson American Legion Post to talk about the possibility of erecting a new veterans' memorial in Veterans Memorial Park. Over each of the next two years \$7,500.00 will be budgeted for this project. Unger also told of other organizations that may donate toward the project.

Other 2017 budget items include: a new de-thatcher and bagger for the 60" ZTR mower, year three of three for the purchase of the 12' deck mower, two park signs, a replacement tube slide for the modular near the Library, funds to repair the outfield poles at north 2 ballfield, replacement fencing at the Maple Grove Cemetery and funds to re-shingle the cemetery vault.

IV. Old Business:

A. Adult basketball league. Unger finally got confirmation from Arnold Menchaca about the League Supervisor position. Letters with schedules have been sent to the six team managers. League play will begin on January 8th. Because of conflicts with gym scheduling, there will be nine weeks of play.

B. Arena updates. All of the outdoor hockey boards are re-bolted into place. Unger indicated that D.C.Y.H.A. may donate funds to purchase the UV resistant outdoor boards in the future. The broken stalls in the bathroom have been replaced.

In January Manager Howarth, Administrator Coleman and Unger will meet with representatives of D.C.Y.H.A., the two booster clubs and the K-M School Superintendent and Athletic Director to discuss arena operations.

Unger is looking into a better phone system for the Arena that will give callers some answers when the office is not staffed. The screens in the Arena lobby give patrons information about what is happening at the Arena and an improved phone system could also give callers information about the Arena scheduling.

C. Tree maintenance. Plans are to begin tree maintenance work early in January. The bucket truck rescue training is complete and the boom trucks have passed inspection — as weather allows, city crews are ready to start.

V. Correspondence: None

Chuck Coleman took the opportunity to thank everyone for the chance sit in on the meetings as council liaison and to work with them on the Park Board. He expressed an interest in serving on the Board if there is an opening in the future. Members also expressed their appreciation for the work Coleman

has done as a representative of the Park Board and for all he has done to keep the City Council informed on behalf of the Park Board. Kuball passed out candy canes to all!

VI. Adjourn:

Motion by Sinning and second by Farnsworth, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00 P.M.