

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES JUNE 20, 2017**

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

**THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Janet Sinning, Roger Franke, Terry Meyers, Greg Kuball and Doug Buck

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Liza Larsen and Jason Farnsworth

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Unger.
  
- II. **Approve minutes:** Motion by Kuball and second by Meyers, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the May 2017 Kasson Park Board Meeting.
  
- III. **New Business:**
  - A. **Letter from Elizabeth Armstrong.** Elizabeth Armstrong was in attendance to talk about the letter that she submitted concerning the use of lifejackets in the pool. Unger indicated that lifejackets and flotation devices are allowed during the daily parent-tot hour and on family night. Stewartville, Waseca and Gaylord do not allow lifejackets, but Owatonna does allow them. Board members expressed concerns that if lifejackets are allowed, will parents pay attention to their children? Kuball wants to give everyone the opportunity to use the facility. Some restrictions concerning the age of the child, areas where lifejackets can be used, parental accessibility and types of lifejackets need to be set. The consensus of the Board is that if lifejackets are allowed, the child must be accompanied by a parent and restricted to the 0' to 3' depth area of the zero depth entry pool. The lifejackets need to be Coast Guard approved. Unger will meet with the pool manager to see what they can come up with concerning use of lifejackets in the pool.
  
  - B. **Receipt of donation-KM Youth Football.** Unger reported that KM Youth Football made a donation of \$500.00 to be used for striping paint and field maintenance.
  
  - C. **Review plans for Lions Park.** Unger passed out copies of the three original plans for the layout of Lions Park. At the time when Lions Park was being developed, the Board was in agreement to use Layout 2. The property line on the west is narrower and would not allow for the full soccer fields that were talked about in May. There is not enough room to put in all of the soccer fields that the Association is requesting along with the other planned amenities.

Unger is looking at changing the fields in Prairie View Park to multipurpose facilities that can be used for football fields or practice ball fields. This park is currently underutilized. Unger has done some measuring and there is room to put in two 200' fields. A backstop, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> baseline fencing and retractable outfield fencing would need to be installed. The outfield fencing would be taken down in the fall for football. He would approach joint ventures for money for the fencing. He has spoken with Jeff Jensen of the KM Youth Football program about the possibility of changing this park from football fields only to multipurpose fields.

County Commissioners do not want to schedule games or designate the ball field near the Court House Annex in Mantorville for any specific groups. It is to be a community ball field that is used on a first come, first served basis.

The football field in Veterans Memorial Park does not have a tile line so the field would not work for spring and summer soccer due to wet conditions.

Kuball asked if the small soccer fields could be incorporated into Lions Park for the young soccer players. At this point, the other amenities (picnic shelter, basketball court and tennis court) should come first unless someone comes forward with money to help fund it.

Motion by Kuball and second by Buck, with all voting Aye, not to install soccer fields in Lions Park at this time.

Judy Ruport asked to talk about Lions Park. Her property (fence) has been vandalized by graffiti. She had pictures to show what has been painted on the fence. The youth was caught. He also did damage at the Aquatic Center and to property in Mantorville. She is concerned about what will happen when the disc golf course is expanded. Kuball and Unger pointed out that the new disc golf course has not been determined. Unger indicated the City may need to put up some signage to keep people from cutting through private property.

Kuball asked if the aerial pictures of the City in the council chambers could be updated for better reference.

#### **IV. Old Business:**

**A. Zumbro Bend Rendezvous update.** Unger has not been in contact with J.J. Williams or Superintendent Matuska from the K-M School about the possibility of using Camp Kasson. The school has a pile of dirt that can be used to level the ruts left by the trucks during the Big Iron Classic. City crews will do the work to level the ground.

**B. Other.** City crews will begin taking down the bleachers in J. Hyde Kasson Park. The shed will be moved to Veterans Memorial Park. The infield will remain for a small ball field.

Buck asked about the land north of the ball fields in Veterans Memorial Park. Unger indicated the land is owned by Joel Bigelow yet.

City crews are working on replacement of a collapsed tile line in Veterans Memorial Park.

**V. Correspondence:** A Thank You was received from Byron Robotics Team for the donation to their fundraiser.

**VI. Adjourn:** Motion by Buck and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 P.M.

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Acting Chairperson

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Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.