

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2018 DRAFT

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 17th day of April at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Doug Buck, Jason Farnsworth, Liza Larsen, Janet Sinning, Roger Franke, Chuck Coleman 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 5:58 P.M. by Chairperson Larsen.

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Kuball and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to approve the January 2018 minutes. There were no additions or changes to the February and March meeting notes.

III. New Business:

A. Kasson Youth Soccer – Prairie View Park. The youth soccer traveling team is not able to use the soccer fields at the High School this spring. A request has been made to use the soccer fields in Prairie View Park for the traveling team practices. The fields will be used Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. until June 13th. The School will provide the goals. Unger was asked about the plan to change the fields to multi-purpose fields that can also be used for baseball. This is a future plan because funds are not budgeted to make the change.

B. Aquatic Center maintenance and updates. The broken grates in the zero depth entry pool have been removed. Anderson and Carstensen reinforced the replacement grates so they should hold up longer.

- The paint is flaking off of the double slide in the zero depth area. Unger has contacted the company. They will come from Missouri to do the needed repairs. The estimated cost of installation is \$1,400.00.
- Unger estimates the cost of \$1,000.00 to replace the drains and gutters that are worn out from the chlorine and UV rays.
- The deck has been inspected and no cracks appeared after the winter.
- The budget will need to reflect the \$11,000.00-\$12,000.00 to change the sand filters and drain covers in 2019.
- The lounge chairs will be inspected and Unger will purchase replacements based on the funds he still has available.
- Letters have been sent to the 71 employees that have been hired for 2018.

C. Merry-go-round for J. Hyde Kasson Park. Eleven year old Grace Reed played on the playground equipment in West Park (now J. Hyde Kasson Park). When the playground modular was moved for construction of the Library, the merry-go-round was removed. She approached Library Director Tiff, Administrator Coleman and Unger about raising funds to replace the merry-go-round since she enjoyed playing on the old merry-go-round. Unger has checked into pricing. The cost of the equipment is \$4,800.00 and the poured safety rubber surface is \$5,200.00. She will raise \$5,000.00 if the City will match her total. Unger has recently spoken with her mother and Grace plans to have the funds by the end of May and her fund-raising efforts are going very well. Unger has CIP funds that will be used for the City's portion.

IV. Old Business:

A. Arbor Day update. Arbor Day will be on April 27th. The Lions Club has donated two trees for East Diamond Park. Unger also asked them to help with the tree planting. All Board Members are encouraged to attend the Arbor Day observance.

B. Boulevard tree program update. Unger has talked to everyone that placed orders for trees. The order will be placed this week with The Treehouse. The planting will be in mid-May. It has been difficult to mark the boulevards due to the snow this year. Unger did not have the exact number of trees, but 25 residents have placed orders. The program has been in place since 1981.

C. Tree maintenance. City crews have removed and trimmed all of the trees that were on their list. There are 45 stumps to grind. There was discussion about how the grinder is working.

D. "Just Pick It Up" campaign. The campaign is set for May 5th. Unger will provide the bags and vests for the volunteers. Coleman will contact the Lions Club. He offered to be the contact with the Lions Club although he does not plan to become a member at this time.

E. Movies in the Park sponsorships. Just Like Home/Paula Ricke will sponsor the movie on June 22nd. Liza Larsen and Janet Sinning will sponsor the movie on July 6th. Liza will make a few contacts for the June 29th sponsorship.

F. Other. Sinning asked if the Park Board would consider a tree lighting ceremony in late November or early December. This will be tabled for consideration at a later date.

V. Correspondence: None.

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Farnsworth and second by Buck to adjourn the meeting.
Ayes: Sinning, Larsen, Franke, Buck, Farnsworth and Coleman. Nays: Kuball.
Meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next meeting will be on May 15, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.