

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 21, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 21st day of August at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Chuck Coleman, Liza Larsen, Doug Buck and Greg Kuball

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Janet Sinning, Roger Franke and Jason Farnsworth

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 Coleman and second by Buck, with all voting Aye, to approve the Minutes of the June 2018 meeting.

Kuball asked about the issues experienced with the boulevard tree program this year. Unger talked about the quality of the trees, soil conditions and at least one home was missed on the day trees were planted. Homeowners are not watering the new trees in the construction area. Buck suggested handing out the watering bags when new trees are planted in the future.

III. New Business:

A. 2019 Budget review. Unger has been working on the 2019 Parks Department budget. He has requested a separate line item for the larger repairs and maintenance issues (ie: pumps or heaters) at the Aquatic Center. The amount requested in 2019 is \$20,000.00.

Unger distributed his requested list of 2019 Capital Items. The total is \$55,800.00-not including a replacement parks department vehicle. A listing of future capital expenditures for the Parks Department was also distributed. The Board should take time to prioritize the items on the list to set the long-term goals for the department.

Unger will request funds from Joint Ventures for the outfield fencing in Veterans Memorial Park. Unger has budgeted for posts and Joint Ventures will pay for the mesh fencing. Unger will bring a printout of Joint Ventures expenditures to the September meeting to show Board Members know where their money has been spent. When the ball field lighting projects at the school are completed, Unger will approach Joint Ventures about lighting for East Diamond Park.

Next year, plans are to concentrate on the improvements in Meadowlands Park. Unger also plans to meet with the American Legion and Veterans Services Officer to design the new veterans' memorial for Veterans Memorial Park.

Coleman asked about getting a trash receptacle back at the top of the hill in J. Hyde Kasson Park again. Unger stated the trash cans along the streets and trails tend to become a dump site for pet waste. Hopefully, the new lids prevent this from becoming a large problem since less rain water will mix with the pet waste to weigh them down. If the lids do not help the problem, signage may be added concerning disposal of pet waste in the trash receptacles.

- B. September meeting change.** On September 18th a water conservation program is scheduled in the Council Chambers as part of the Green Steps Program. If enough people RSVP to attend the class, our Park Board meeting will move to the small conference room at City Hall. The meeting place will be noted on the agenda in September.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Festival in the Park 2018 update.** Unger reported the Festival went well. The Park was in good shape. Everything went well considering all of the road construction around the Park. Josh Gilbertson will handle the trash detail in 2019.
- B. Aquatic Center update.** The Aquatic Center closes on Friday. City crews will begin draining the pools on August 27th. Due to the road construction, they will be drained to a new location. This required purchase of extra discharge hoses. There were only two incidents of fecal matter in the pools this year. Due to the issues with the Schwans deliveries, Unger may check into a new food vendor in 2019.
- C. Park projects.**
 - 1. Lions Park picnic shelter.** Cleary's was to begin construction of the shelter in June. Unger talked to their representative. The expected product delivery date was August 13th. To date, no materials have arrived and they have not given the City an indication of when to expect them to be here. Unger will follow up later this week.
 - 2. Batting cage-Veterans Memorial Park.** The batting cage project is completed except for some dirt work and seeding.

3. **Merry-go-round-J. Hyde Kasson Park.** Groundbreaking for the merry-go-round was held on August 14th. Unger thanked Coleman, Larsen and Sinning for representing the Park Board at the event. There was good representation from the community at the groundbreaking. Grace Reed was presented a purple and white shovel for the occasion. Unger plans to begin work on the project in late August or early September.

V. Correspondence: None

Kuball asked to talk about an animal issue. There is a Canadian Goose that has made its home in the creek bed near Shopko. The goose has deformed wings and cannot fly and people would like to set it get rehabilitated. Unger told him to contact the D.N.R. to see if anything can be done for the bird.

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Kuball and second by Buck, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be September 18th. The place will be determined.