

KASSON PARK BOARD NOTES

February 20, 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 20th day of February at 6:00 P.M. There was not a quorum.

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Liza Larsen, Roger Franke and Janet Sinning

ALSO PRESENT: Terry Meyers, 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 Acting Chairperson Unger.

II. Approve minutes: Due to lack of quorum no action was taken.

III. New Business:

A. Oath of office: Jason Farnsworth. Naig administered the oath of office for Jason Farnsworth. He will serve another three year term which goes through 2020.

B. Terry Meyers from K-M Lions Club – Picnic shelter in Lions Park. Terry Meyers gave the Board an update on the fundraising and grants the Lions Club is working on for the construction of a shelter in Lions Park. Unger is putting together a list of vendors and their pricing for the structure, cement work and electrical work. He estimates the cost will be \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00. The construction pricing proposals will be submitted to the City Administrator for inclusion on the next Council Agenda. The Lions Club would like a recommendation at the Council level to approve the construction of the Lions Park shelter. Once the pricing is approved, Unger will lock in the price of the structure from Clarey's.

Meyers also indicated the Lions Club would like a Park Board presence in their membership. He asked the Board Members to consider joining the organization.

C. Kasson Aquatic Center – repair and equipment costs. Unger presented the costs for the various repairs and equipment upgrades that are due at the Aquatic Center. The top priorities for 2018 are to replace the mat for the slide in the activity pool, the radial grating in the activity pool and to purchase two boxes of gutter drains. This will run \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 in expenditures for 2018 and the budget is \$12,000.00. After five years of use

the maintenance needs are starting to appear. Next year the sand in the filters will need to be changed and the drain covers will need replacement. He will budget additional funds in 2019 for maintenance and repairs.

D. Boulevard tree program. The forms for boulevard tree orders are available on the City's web site and at City Hall. Orders will be taken until March 30th. Trees will be planted in late April or early May by The Treehouse.

E. Adult softball meeting. Unger has scheduled the local managers' meeting for March 7th at the Public Works Building. April 3rd is the League Directors' meeting in Faribault. A second meeting will be scheduled for the managers' to pick up their materials. League play will begin the first week in May.

F. Movies in the Park. Naig asked if the Board wanted to continue offering the Movies in the Park. It is time to get on the schedule. The Members in attendance were in agreement that we should try to offer three movies again this summer. Naig will contact Kurt Albrecht to set up some dates.

G. Discuss March meeting date. Our next meeting date would be March 20th. Unger will be attending Pool Operators training that week and Naig will be at a conference. Unger asked if the Board could meet one week later. The tentative date will be March 27th. Naig will contact the other three members to find out if that date will work for them.

IV. Old Business:

A. Community Ed request – lap swim. At the January meeting Unger told the Board he had been approached by K-M Community Ed about offering a lap swim membership to their fitness center members. They have indicated there may be 15 to 20 people making use of this membership. The Board Members were in agreement that a \$30.00 fee should be paid up front for those fitness center members that will also use the Aquatic Center. A "lap swim member" card will be issued for each of those individuals. Depending on the number of people that take advantage of the program, a second lifeguard may need to be at the facility during the lap swim hours. Unger will contact Community Ed with the proposed price and let the Board know their response at the March meeting.

B. Trees for 2017/2018 street assessment project in northwest. Phase I of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Avenue NW street project is complete. The City Engineer is working with Unger on the plans for replacing the boulevard trees that were removed for the project. Since 230 trees were removed, a large amount of the canopy needs to be replaced. There will be a meeting with the homeowners to discuss their options for replacing the trees lost to the street project. Unger had concerns about homeowners that may not want to

replace their boulevard trees. The Board was in agreement to present the proposals for the trees at the meeting with the homeowners and give them the option to decide if and how they want to replace their trees.

V. Correspondence: Dodge County Extension is planning a meeting at the Community Ed multi-purpose room on March 5th to talk about trees. Unger will represent the City. Mark Gamm from the County and a representative from the City of Mantorville will also be available at this meeting. They will discuss tree planting, maintenance and Emerald Ash Borer issues. Another meeting will be scheduled in Dodge Center for other cities in the County.

VI. Adjourn: The discussion ended at 7:18 P.M.

Deputy Clerk

The next meeting will be on March 27, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.