

KASSON PARK BOARD NOTES
MARCH 27, 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 27th day of March at 6:00 P.M. There was not a quorum.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: 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 a quorum no action was taken. Unger asked if there were any items to address on the January minutes or February meeting notes.

III. New Business:

A. Adult softball meeting. The league directors' meeting is April 3rd in Faribault. Unger has scheduled a meeting for the local team managers on April 10th to distribute materials and to collect fees. There are currently 14 mens' teams and four co rec teams in the league.

B. Hire 2018 Kasson Aquatic Center employees. Unger distributed a list of employees that he has recommended for hire at the Aquatic Center for the 2018 season. Wages for all positions were set in January. The Board Members in attendance directed Councilperson Buck to present this list to the City Council for approval:

Water Safety Instructors: Jared Johnson, Marisa Alvarado, Brayden Tjosaas, Levi Flom, Justin Mastin, Benjamin Peters, Gabrielle Alvardao, Mabel Wyttenbach and Jacob Keller

Lifeguards: Noah Ryan, Jonathan Johnson, Matthew Harfmann, Madelyn Larsen, Destiny Anderson, Colton Ostgaard, Brody Hegge, Alex Black, Peyton Head, Preston Hitterdal, Grace Worden, Christine Farnberg and Jack Jensen

Lifeguards-subject to successful completion of their Red Cross training:

Addyson Smith, Carter Nelson, Kayla Schubert, Malia Schubert, Jordan Kern, Melissa Seljan, Aaron Winkle, Madison Cummings, Olivia Mathias, Carter Wyttenbach, Jayson Mendenhall, Luke Olson, Keyan Smith, Dalton Ostgaard, Kyler Kujath, Tanner Paulson, Niclas Vanoort, Julia Christenson and Mitchell Nelson

Admission/Concession and Crossing Guards: Katie McNeill, Morgan Bradford, Madison Nelson, Cassi McNeill, Conner McKern, David Bannon, Jack Sorensen, Zachary Trapp, Preston Wilson, Taylor Johnson, Alex Kirmse, Rachel Schultz, Norah Mulrine, Brenna Barwald, Jordyn Bauer, Kennedy Kraus, Sean Inman, Olivia Cogswell, Mitchell Bungum, Morgan Coy, Maclyn Smith, Owen Bradford, Carlee Koehler, Brock Swanson, Kayla Head and Jakob Thiesse

C. Set 2018 Arbor Day observance – April 27. The national Arbor Day observance is the last Friday in April. Unger will schedule the City’s observance for that date, April 27th. Trees will be planted in East Diamond Park. Board Members are encouraged to attend the observance which will take place in the Park at 10:00 A.M. Unger will find out if the Lions Club will participate in the program. He will also contact the Dodge County Independent.

Unger reported to the group that he received the Tree City USA designation plaque and flag today. This is the 38th year that the City has received the designation.

D. Park signage – Meadowland and J. Hyde Kasson Parks. Unger budgeted to have two more park signs installed in 2018. Meadowland and J. Hyde Kasson Parks will get the signage in 2018. Abel Signs will be contacted to make the signs.

E. “Just Pick It Up” campaign. Coleman set the date for May 5th to do the annual city clean-up campaign. Rain date will tentatively be May 12th. Unger will provide the vests and bags. He will also provide a list of areas in need of extra spring clean-up.

IV. Old Business:

A. Boulevard tree program. Friday is the last day to place orders for boulevard trees. Twenty-one residents have place orders for 35 to 45 trees. Next year the timeframe for placing orders for boulevard trees may need to be changed. Orders may need to be submitted in January to enable The Treehouse to order the requested trees from their supplier.

Our City Engineer is working with Unger to create a map for replacement trees for the 2017 street assessment project. They are trying to create diversity in the replacement trees that will be planted in the boulevard. There will be seven species available to order. A meeting is set for April 5th to talk to residents in phase 1 of the street project about replacement trees.

B. Movies in the Park update. Naig has been in contact with Kurt Albrecht about the movie dates. These are the dates he has scheduled for us: June

22, June 29 and July 6. She has one confirmed sponsor and one tentative. She will continue to look for a third sponsor.

C. K-M Community Ed update. Unger did talk to Community Ed after the February meeting and presented the Park Board's proposal for using the Aquatic Center for lap swim along with a membership to their workout center. They have taken it under advisement and will get back to Unger.

D. Lions Park picnic shelter. Unger got bids for the structure, cement work and electrical work for the new shelter in Lions Park. The structure will be 27' x 56'. Unger and Terry Meyers of the Lions Club made a presentation to the City Council on February 28th. The cost of the structure is approximately \$36,000.00. It was approved by the Council since the funds are budgeted. The order for the structure was placed with Cleary Building Corporation to lock in the price. The concrete work will be done by Stone by Stone and the electrical work will be done by A & A Electric. Unger expressed his gratitude to the City Council for their help in getting the project approved.

E. Dodge County Extension meeting - trees. The meeting that was scheduled for March 5th was cancelled due to weather. It has been rescheduled for April 11th at the Community Ed building at 6:30 P.M. Unger will talk about our boulevard tree program, tree maintenance, our Tree Management Program and Emerald Ash Borer issues.

F. Other. Coleman asked a question about a split tree that is on the property line of two residents. One of the homeowners asked if the City would remove the tree if it is in the electric lines. Unger recommended that they find out if it is the resident's electric service or a main overhead line. If it is the electric line, the Electric Department may trim out the branches near the overhead line. The two neighbors should work together to remove the tree if it is split.

V. Correspondence: None.

VI. Adjourn: The discussion ended at 6:54 P.M.

Deputy Clerk

The next meeting will be on April 17, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.