

KASSON PARK BOARD NOTES MAY 15, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 15th day of May at 6:00 P.M. There was not a quorum present.

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Doug Buck, Jason Farnsworth and Janet Sinning

ALSO PRESENT: Grace and Cynthia Reed, 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: No action was taken due to lack of a quorum.

III. New Business:

A. Grace Reed – merry-go-round for J Hyde Kasson Park. Grace Reed was in attendance to talk about her fundraising efforts for the merry-go-round. She has surpassed her goal. A total of \$6,261.00 has been raised for the project through donations, a bake sale and silent auction. The color will be purple and white. Reed chose these colors to honor the memory of her neighbor by using the colors of the “Sophia Smiles” shirts. Unger has been working with his playground equipment vendors to come up with the best safety surface to place around the merry-go-round. They have determined 2’ x 2’ rubber tiles will hold up better than the poured in place rubber. Unger has not gotten the final price for the cement pad base or the tiles yet. He will contact the Reeds once all of the numbers are available. His goal is to work on this project by mid-July. Reed was thanked for the work she has done to make this project happen. Unger also thanked them on behalf of the Public Works Department.

B. Lions Park shelter. Unger explained that most of the work on the shelter has been behind the scenes so far. The building permit was pulled and our building inspector required a change in the size of the footings. This did add to the original cost of the building. By mid-June dirt work will begin and building construction should start on June 28th. Terry Meyers, Jim Checkel, Todd Kispert and Unger will be meeting with representatives from NextEra concerning the possibility of using Lions Park to showcase their energy services. They will discuss the electrical needs for the Park and see if solar or wind power can be worked into the plans.

C. Park projects. Unger listed the park projects in order:

1. Lions Park picnic shelter
2. Install merry-go-round in J. Hyde Kasson Park
3. Install the batting cage in Veterans Memorial Park
4. Make a gravel parking lot on the Hwy 14 side of Lions Park
5. Add player benches in East Diamond Park
6. Shingle the cemetery vault building
7. War memorial for Veterans Memorial Park

Twenty lids have been purchased for the garbage cans in the parks. The garbage cans and player benches will be returned to J. Hyde Kasson Park. Unger is getting prices for hydro-seeding the grass on the slopes in J. Hyde Kasson Park. There are plans to pour a pad behind the backstop for bleachers in J. Hyde Kasson Park.

Unger talked about budgeting for the trail in Meadowland Park that will eventually hook up to the path leading to the school that is part of the Safe Routes to School program. Money will be budgeted in the CIP to finish the modular and construct a shelter in this park.

D. Cemetery updates. The dirt work is completed and grass is seeded along the new fence line. Unger plans to add gravel to the roadway in the cemetery if funds are available. A new tile line will be installed for drainage in the southeast corner. The roof will be fixed on the vault building. Unger would like to take out the old silver maples over the next two to three years.

IV. Old Business:

A. Aquatic Center update.

- The replacement valves have been installed.
- Staff is working on the outside showers-waiting on parts
- Replacement parts are ordered for the umbrella canopies
- Two of the drain covers are cracked and will be replaced
- Bearings and motor are ordered to repair the ADA chair
- Activity pool is filled and the heaters are working
- Lap pool should be filled tonight. There was a problem with the electrical unit on the pump. The repair part should be installed this week.
- Concessions will be ordered this week
- The meeting with all summer staff is May 19th

B. Trees.

Kuball again expressed the need for a city Forestry Department.

1. Boulevard tree program update. There were 41 trees ordered as part of the boulevard tree program. The Treehouse will do the planting by June 1st.

2. Trees for the street project. Jason Wilker Retaining Walls will plant 42 trees and The Treehouse will plant 18 trees in the portion of the street project that was done in 2017. The planting should be done in early June.

3. Arbor Day follow up. The Lions Club participated in the Arbor Day observance on April 27th. Trees were planted in East Diamond Park. The article was in today's Trading Post.

C. "Just Pick It Up" follow up. Coleman reported that there were eight volunteers that helped on May 5th. Most of the work was done in East Diamond and Veterans Parks. Unger expressed his appreciation for everyone that helped with the cleanup campaign. Coleman felt the project was a success even though the participation was down from prior years.

V. Correspondence: None.

Deputy Clerk

The next meeting will be on June 19 at 6:00 P.M.