

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 16th day of October at 6:00 P.M.

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Liza Larsen, Janet Sinning 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 6:05 P.M. by Acting Chairperson Unger.

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Kuball and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the August 2018 meeting.

III. New Business:

A. K-M Youth Football. Unger has not talked to anyone that was involved with running the football program this year. The season is complete. City staff will begin preparing the fields for winter.

B. Lions Park picnic shelter. Cleary Building Corporation delivered materials last week. They estimate it will take one week to construct the shelter. Unger will contact A & A Electric and Stone by Stone to schedule the electric and cement work. Cleary's will install the steel ceilings in this shelter. City crews will set the forms for the concrete work. Unger hopes to have the building completed before Veterans Day.

Unger will work with the City Engineer to get the curb work done in front of the playground modular and shelter in 2020. Then ramps and sidewalks can be installed to the playground modular and picnic shelter. Unger met with a representative from League of Minnesota Cities to identify possible ADA compliance issues in our parks and city buildings. The sidewalks should be installed to avoid ADA problems in the future. Unger will also look into placing the handicap accessible portables in the parks next year.

C. Aquatic Center-Best of the Best Post Bulletin award. For the second year the Kasson Aquatic Center has received the "top area swimming pool" honor from selections made by Post Bulletin readers. Josh Mitchell attended the banquet on September 25th to accept the award.

- D. Care and Share donation request.** Unger received a letter from K-M Care and Share requesting a donation for the auction to be held on November 13th.

Motion by Kuball and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to donate a 20 Daily Pass Book for the Kasson Aquatic Center for the 2019 swim season to K-M Care and Share for their 2018 auction.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Stump removals.** City staff has removed approximately 25 stumps. There are about 20 stumps left to remove for trees that were cut down earlier this year. The stump grinding should be completed before winter.

Unger is following up on the boulevard ash trees that are not being treated or removed by homeowners. A new set of tags will be hung on the doors of those residences that did not return cards previously. Another 30 to 35 ash trees will be removed over the winter months. Unger reported that the ash trees on City property that were treated for EAB are doing well.

B. Park projects.

1. **Merry-go-round-J. Hyde Kasson Park.** The merry-go-round in J. Hyde Kasson Park is complete.
2. **Swings for Veterans Park.** A parent group is looking into raising funds for safer baby swings for Veterans Memorial Park.
3. **Batting cage.** The project is complete.
4. **Cemetery vault.** The vault roof has been reshingled.
5. **Cemetery trees.** Unger plans to hire Olsen Tree Service to remove some of the old maples in the cemetery.
6. **Lions Park shelter.** The building is now under construction.
7. **Disc golf course.** Plans are to plant more trees in the disc golf course. Unger is working with Jason Wilker to see what trees he has available.
8. **Ball field lime.** The Shakopee lime has been delivered for the ball fields.
9. **Ball fields.** Plans are to aerate and fertilize the ball fields before winter.

Reminder that November 30th will be the tree lighting ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park. The City will provide the lights. Unger will find out if the Chamber of Commerce will decorate the tree.

Coleman reported he looked at some of the parks after Unger's challenge at the last meeting. There was nothing noted that the Board does not already know.

*\$15,000.00 is budgeted for additional playground equipment to the modular in Meadowland Park

*\$7,000.00 is budgeted for a small shelter in Meadowland Park
*It will cost \$21,000.00 to construct the path from the street to the playground modular in Meadowland Park. This is part of the Safe Routes to School program.

*SL Contracting will work on the parking lot once these items are completed.

*Unger stated the parking lot in Prairie View Park has become a problem due to old cement debris that was dumped on the site previously. The large cement chunks need to be removed.

Kuball asked about getting new aerial views of the City to update the photos in the Council Chambers. The current photos are out of date. This could possibly be done using a drone camera.

Coleman acknowledged that the Lions Club placed flagpoles near the Library in J. Hyde Kasson Park. Park Board Members were encouraged to drive by and look at them.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Kuball and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 P.M.

Acting Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be November 20th.
Unger will be at a turf conference at the time of the January meeting. The date will be discussed at a future Park Board Meeting.