

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2020**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

**THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Dan Egger, Chuck Coleman, Janet Sinning, Liza Larsen, Roger Franke and Greg Kuball

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Parks & Rec Supervisor Ron Unger, City Administrator Timothy Ibisch and Deputy Clerk Jan Naig

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Chairperson Larsen. Approval of the June minutes was added to the Agenda since there was not a quorum at the July meeting.

**II. Approve minutes:** Motion by Sinning and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the June Park Board Meeting.  
Motion by Coleman and second by Egger, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the July Park Board Meeting.

### **III. New Business:**

- A. Adult softball league. The shortened adult softball season will finish league play this week. Some of the teams may continue to play into the fall, but the City will not provide any umpires.
- B. Picnic shelter-Meadowland Park. The utility locates are done and the building permit has been pulled. City crews will start digging the footings. They plan to complete building the structure by mid-September.
- C. Land purchase discussion. The resident that recently purchased the home at 405 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW has approached the City about purchasing some of the parkland that abuts the rear of his property. This would align his property with the homes at 401 and 403 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW. The City Council referred the request to the Park Board for feedback. The Board will need to set a price if the decision is made to sell the property and consider how the property will be maintained. The homeowner would be responsible for any zoning fees and survey fees. There was also some discussion about having an easement for utilities and trails. The Board tabled any decision until the September meeting.

### **IV. Old Business:**

- A. **Aquatic Center updates.** Unger had August numbers from Manager Mitchell. The second session is drawing fewer people. The facility may close earlier in the day next week due to staffing issues. The facility should be closing on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Unger reported that he has received many emails and comments from people who have used the facility. They appreciate the COVID response and are appreciative of the opportunity to use the facility this summer.

The three guards that were part of the lifesaving event at the facility were recognized by the Fire Department and Police Department at the August 12<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. Mitchell has submitted paperwork to the American Red Cross for a Lifesaving Award as well.

Unger reported that Rochester is raising funds to construct a splash pad.

- B. Veterans Park stone wall – Reticulated Stone.** John Digley of Reticulated Stone met with Unger on July 29<sup>th</sup>. He had a new proposal which addressed the stone caps and cement work needed for the stone wall in Veterans Memorial Park (\$42,994.00). The pricing also had an option for some decorative pavers in the cement work in front of the curved portion of the wall (\$49,956.00). None of the pricing included the portion of the wall next to the maintenance drive into the park. Unger also had a quote from Stone by Stone Plus for the cement work (\$16,755.50). There was discussion about the cuts that would be needed to the budget if fundraisers and grants do not raise enough money to cover the cost.

Motion by Sinning and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to forward the new pricing of \$66,711.50 from Reticulated Stone and Stone by Stone Plus to repair 118' of the stone wall, sidewalks and curb to the City Council with positive feedback from the Park Board pending availability of funding.

- C. Park Board Member position.** One application has been received for the open Park Board seat. The Board will wait until September to make a recommendation so that others are given the opportunity to apply.

**D. Other.**

Eggler has been asked by a resident about the possibility of changing the East Park into a dog park. It was considered for a dog park several years ago, but it was not the correct spot for a dog park. Funds were sent to Mantorville for construction of a dog park at that time. Ibsch also talked about using East Park for community gardens since it is mostly green space.

Unger talked about the maintenance problems the landscape project at Highway 57 has caused his department.

Kuball asked about the newer trees in Lions Park that do not seem to be growing. Unger stated that when the roots are established, the trees will grow.

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

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Chairperson

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Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup>.