

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES JULY 21, 2020**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

**THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Liza Larsen, Greg Kuball and Dan Egger

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Roger Franke, Chuck Coleman, Janet Sinning and Jason Farnsworth

**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 6:03 P.M. by Chairperson Larsen.

**II. Approve minutes:** Tabled due to lack of a quorum.

**III. New Business:** None

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

- A. Aquatic Center updates.** Unger distributed information showing the revenue from the two weeks in June and the three weeks in July that the facility has been open. The attendance average has gone up from 271 per day to 416 per day. The revenue does not cover the current expenditures. There was discussion about possibly reducing hours to cut back on the payroll costs. Unger indicated JLHSACC and Project Kids will increase their morning fee to \$250.00. The Board recommended that Unger, Ibisch and Mitchell continue to monitor the numbers and if things change in August, there may need to be some adjustments to the hours of operation to reduce staffing costs.

Unger read a note he received from a Rochester resident, Sara Conway. She thanked the City for opening the facility and she expressed her appreciation for how the facility was operated. Egger also told of a family from another community that had a good experience at our facility.

Unger reported that MN Department of Health inspected the facility on July 16. The facility received high marks from the inspector in all areas. He was especially pleased with the COVID 19 response.

The facility will close at 3:30 P.M. on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Unger has contracted Lemmie Jones to repair the two large slides and the toddler slide during the second week of September. The estimated cost is \$29,950.00. The cost to do the major overhaul in 3 to 5 years is expected to be over \$150,000.00. There was discussion about possible funding options for the major repairs.

There was a lifesaving event at the Aquatic Center on June 30. Unger told the Board that the response of three lifeguards involved in the rescue was great. He is looking into getting a Lifesaving Award from the American Red Cross.

- B. Veterans Park stone wall – Reticulated Stone.** John Digley of Reticulated Stone met with Unger today to re-evaluate the stone wall in Veterans Memorial Park. Digley will submit a new proposal addressing the stone caps and cement work. Unger will also be getting a quote from Stone by Stone for the cement work. More information should be available for the August meeting.

Unger has also spoken with a representative from Building Restoration Corporation about the bid for the work on the wall. The representative reminded him that their pricing was for a complete rebuild of the wall.

- C. Farnsworth resignation.** Ibisch sent Farnsworth a letter after the last Park Board Meeting concerning his intentions to continue serving on the Board. Farnsworth has indicated that due to work and other issues he will not be able to continue to serve on the Board. Applications will be available at City Hall for anyone who is interested in serving on the Board.

**D. Other.**

Unger approached the Board about tearing out the horseshoe pits in Veterans Memorial Park. They are not being used and they are in tough shape. The Board was in agreement that they should be removed.

The Parks staff should begin construction of the shelter in Meadowland Park by the end of July.

Eggler commented on seeing some small sapling trees in a boulevard. Unger asked him for an address so that he can meet with the homeowner. The City has requirements concerning the types of trees and the spacing for trees placed on the boulevards.

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

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Chairperson

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Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be August 18<sup>th</sup>.