

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2020**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

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

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Liza Larsen

**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 6:01 P.M. by Acting Chairperson Unger.

**II. Approve minutes:** Motion by Egger and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the August Park Board Meeting.

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

- A. 2020 Christmas tree lighting.** The Board decided to hold the event again this year on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Egger agreed to emcee the event. Larsen will line up a group to put the lights on the tree. Sinning will contact a pastor to speak, talk to someone at the school about music for the event and submit the information to the DCI for a story.

Unger indicated he has been contacted by the K-M Care and Share group about a donation for their on-line auction that will be held on November 16 and 17. The Board agreed to donate a book of ten daily passes for the auction.

- B. Discuss 2021 Kasson Aquatic Center fees.** The Aquatic Center continues to operate in the red. The wages and expenditures continue to go up and our fees are not keeping pace. Unger presented some possible fee increases for membership passes, swim lessons, swim team and facility rental. He asked the Board to think about the proposals and to come back in another month prepared to set the 2021 fees. There was some discussion about advertising more in the Rochester market area.
- C. 2021 Adult basketball league.** Due to a lack of teams, there was not a basketball league in 2020. Unger has contacted several of the former teams and there is currently not enough interest to have a league in 2021.

**IV. Old Business:**

- A. Veterans Park stone wall funding update.** Sinning indicated she received a \$500.00 donation that is to be used for advertising. She was directed to talk to the local paper and place advertisements in the Shopper portion of the paper.

An account has been set up at Home Federal Bank to accept donations for the wall. Donation boxes have been placed at several local businesses. She is looking into applying for grants. Her goal is to raise \$43,000.00 toward the project.

- B. Meadowland Park shelter construction update.** Unger indicated there was some problem getting the treated lumber. The structure has been framed, the steel siding and roof are in place, the cement floor is poured and the lights have been wired.

Scott Lampland asked Unger to order two maintenance free tables for the shelter and he will pay for them. The Board asked if Lampland has been approached about doing the work for the parking lot since that was part of the original discussion when the park was in the planning stages. Lampland has agreed to donate a culvert that will be used for the trail that links with the trail going to the school.

All of the equipment for phase II of the modular has arrived. The playground structure will not be built until spring.

- C. Kasson Aquatic Center repairs update.** Unger indicated Lemmie Jones was here in September and worked on all of the play features in the zero depth entry pool. The mat below the slide will need to be replaced before the next swim season. One of the large slides has been repaired and the company will return to finish the repairs to the second one.
- D. Open Park Board Member position.** Three applications have been received for the open seat. Unger will review them and bring his recommendation to the November meeting. He recommended having the new appointee start in January 2021 for the three year term.
- E. Other.** Unger was asked about what is happening with the new veterans' memorial. The project has been on hold. He will contact County Veterans Services Officer Nelson to work on a design.

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Adjourn:** Motion by Coleman and second by Sinning, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

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Acting Chairperson

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Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be November 17<sup>th</sup>.