

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES APRIL 19, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 19th day of April 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Janet Sinning, Ryan Christensen, Chuck Coleman, Chris Petree, Greg Kuball and Liza Larsen (arrived 6:28 P.M.)

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: None

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

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Acting Chairperson Unger.

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Christensen and second by Petree, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the March 2022 Park Board Meeting.

III. New Business:

- A. Tennis Courts – Administrator Ibisch.** Ibisch talked to the Board about replacing the tennis courts in Veterans Memorial Park. It is recommended that the Board talk about their long-range plans for tennis courts in the community. There was discussion about having multi-purpose courts that could also be used for basketball or pickle ball. It was suggested that some type of poll or survey be taken to find the community's interest in having new courts constructed. The Board was asked to think about tennis courts when they are setting their priorities for park improvements. At a cost of approximately \$300,000.00 per court, the concern is how they could be funded.
- B. Lions Park parking lot improvements.** The bid to surface the parking lot, add a curb on the north side and to connect the walking path was approved at the April 13th City Council meeting. The cost of \$112,490.80 will be taken from the Park Department budget. SL Contracting will be doing the library parking lot expansion along with the parking lot in Lions Park. Construction is expected to begin in early June.
- C. Skateboard park – Lions Park.** Unger presented copies of the park layout proposal he received from American Ramp Company to add three BMX bike jumps into the skateboard park. The proposal was broken down into three phases. Phase 1, a jump box, would cost \$13,176.51. Phase 2, a bank ramp, would cost \$9,232.70 and Phase 3, a quarter pipe, would cost \$9,086.72. Total project cost would be \$31,495.93. If funds are available, a phase would be done over three years starting in 2023. Unger has included Kody Mayer in the layout planning. Mayer was asked to raise funds to help with the cost of the project. Mayer will report back in June the amount that has been raised so the Park Board knows if funds will be budgeted in 2023 for Phase 1.

- D. Aquatic Center maintenance contract.** The City has signed a three year contract with Recreation by Lemmie Jones to inspect the slide, diving boards, climbing wall and play features at the Aquatic Center in 2023 through 2025 at a cost of \$2,500.00 per year.

Aquatic Center staff will be instructed to wax the slides monthly to help extend their life for another five to seven years. The diving boards and the platform at the top of the slides should also be sanded and repainted. The rubberized plates on the steps to the slide are in need of maintenance and will be repaired at the end of the summer.

There was discussion about increasing the budget to cover repairs in future years since maintenance costs will continue to increase. Unger would also like to see the C.I.P. funds for parks increased to help cover some of the costs.

Christensen asked if developers were contributing funds to support the parks. The Board discussed the Parkland Dedication fees and will revisit the amount that comes in from developers for park development and improvements.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Adult softball league.** There are seven teams signed up for the league. Fees are due this week. Kevin Voltin will not be umpiring our games this year due to health issues. He will try to find someone to cover our games since play begins on May 5th.
- B. Park Board Member applicants.** There are two applications for the open Park Board seat. Members were asked to review them and come back with a recommendation at the May meeting.
- C. Boulevard tree program update.** Unger has orders for 36 trees to be planted at 23 residences. The Treehouse will plant them in mid-May. Only one tree from 2021 needs to be replaced.
- D. Misc.**
- 1. Arbor Day.** Reminder that Friday, April 29th is Arbor Day. The Lions Club has been invited to help with the tree planting which will be in Veterans Memorial Park. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
 - 2. Cemetery fence.** A new black, rubber-coated chain-link fence is being installed in the cemetery along the trailer court side. The cost of the project is \$36,000.00. American Fence should complete the work within a week.

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Christensen and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting is May 17th.