

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2023 DRAFT

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

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Christine Purvis, Ryan Christensen, Greg Kuball, Chris Petree, Chuck Coleman and Jon Knutson

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Janet Sinning and Deputy Clerk Jan Naig

ALSO PRESENT: Parks & Rec/Streets Supervisor Ben Langan, City Administrator Tim Ibisch, Sara Bailey, Dean Nelson, Ali Abdi and Community Development Assistant Ian Albers

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairperson Kuball

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Knutson and second by Christensen, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the March 2023 Park Board Meeting.

III. New Business:

- A. Handicap accessible swing – Sara Bailey.** Sara Bailey, a K-M Special Ed Teacher, has surveyed families with children who are unable to utilize our parks due to ADA issues. She presented information on a wheelchair accessible swing that could be incorporated into our parks. The Park Board is agreeable to look at installation of ADA compliant swings in our parks. The next step will be to determine the cost and find out if there are any grants or donations available to fund such a project.
- B. Ali Abdi – Park planning.** Abdi is working as an intern for the City. He is working on a park planning proposal for East Diamond Park. He will survey the community's residents to get a clear picture of what they would like to see in the City's parks. Any feedback from the Board should be directed to Administrator Ibisch or Community Development Assistant Albers. Abdi will complete the survey process and report the results to the Board at the May meeting.
- C. Adult volleyball league.** Langan has been contacted about the possibility of using the sand volleyball court in Veterans Memorial Park for a summer league. There was some discussion about what should be charged to use the court and if there should be a charge for each team to participate. Langan will find out more information about the needs of the league and how often they will be using the court before determining what fee to charge.
- D. Boulevard tree planting program.** Langan reported there are orders for 26 trees. He reported he could have ordered ten additional trees, but there were no funds available in the budget. In the future, he would like to use the Community Ed Brochure to promote this program since many of the newer developments do not have boulevard trees.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Adult softball fees – Festival donation.** Dean Nelson came to the Board to see why softball teams are required to make a donation to the Festival in the Park as part of their entry fees. The teams would be more agreeable to paying one higher fee. A portion of the fees could be used for a park project or donation after the expenses for softball are covered.

Motion by Petree and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to change the adult softball fees away from Festival in the Park to be incorporated into one basic fee coming into the City in 2023. The Board can determine if there are funds available after expenses that can be incorporated into funding another park project or amenity.

- B. Replacement for K.A.C. Assistant Manager.** Rachel Schultz has an internship this summer and will not be working at the Aquatic Center. Langan and Manager Christenson are in agreement that Charlotte Woodrum should be recommended for the position.

Motion by Christensen and second by Knutson, with all voting Aye, to hire Charlotte Woodrum as an Assistant Manager for the 2023 season.

Langan has been talking to Tracy Morrow in Dodge Center about collaborating with the City of Dodge Center for lifeguard training in the future. Since our facility opens earlier, we could train guards for both facilities. A Certified Training Instructor would need to be available to do the training.

- C. Arbor Day – planting location.** The Arbor Day tree planting has been moved to Meadowland Park. Christensen is working to have some school children at the event to help with the tree planting. The K-M Lions have donated \$300.00 to pay for the Arbor Day trees.

V. Correspondence:

Petree has taken a new work position and will not be able to continue serving on the Park Board. He was thanked for the insight that he provided to the Board over the last few years.

- VI. Adjourn:** Motion by Petree and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next meeting will be on May 16th.