

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2021 draft

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 17th day of August 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Janet Sinning, Chuck Coleman, Ryan Christensen, Liza Larsen, Chris Petree, Roger Franke and Greg Kuball

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Sarah Hirsch

ALSO PRESENT: Parks & Rec Supervisor Ron Unger and Deputy Clerk Jan Naig

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

II. Approve minutes: Motion by Kuball and second by Franke, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the July 2021 Park Board Meeting.

III. New Business:

A. Veterans Park stone wall. Unger has spoken to John Digley. He will be starting our project the end of August or first week in September. A down-payment for materials will need to be sent prior to the start of the project.

B. Adult softball league. The league wrapped up their season on August 12th. Plaques were awarded to the league champions and playoff champions.

C. 2022 Budget. Unger hi-lited some of the items that he requested in the regular 2022 Budget.

-a second set of bleachers for Lions Park \$3,000.00

-Aquatic Center equipment (slushie machine, popcorn maker and microwave)
\$3,800.00

Requested Capital items:

-Kubota utility vehicle \$22,000.00

-Aquatic Center computer system (hardware) \$6,000.00

-60" grapple attachment for J D tractor \$3,700.00

-replacement camera (tennis court area of Veterans Memorial Park) \$3,500.00

-basketball poles and backboards for East Diamond Park \$3,500.00

- extension of woodchips/border around swings & modular in Veterans Mem Park
\$6,500.00

-lights and poles for basketball & pickle ball courts and parking lot in Lions Park
\$10,000.00

The total CIP request for 2022 is \$55,200.00.

Unger reminded the Board that there will be some "big ticket" repairs needed at the Aquatic Center in the near future. (Replacement of slides, stairs to slides, pumps and heaters, computer software)

Some other items to consider with future plans: lighting in Lions Park, security cameras in Lions Park, playground modular in East Diamond Park, replace the tennis courts, finish the parking lots in the various parks

IV. Old Business:

- A. Lions Park basketball/pickle ball courts update.** Rochester Sand & Gravel has completed blacktopping the courts. There was an additional cost of \$3,000.00 because they needed to “crown the center” for runoff. Midwest Fence should be installing the fence around the pickle ball courts in three weeks. Painting can be done when the fence is completed.
- B. Festival in the Park hires-refuse collection.** Mason Carstensen and Landen Andrist were hired to do the refuse collection in the park for Festival. They each worked 17 hours and were paid an hourly rate of \$15.00.
- C. Aquatic Center Update.** Unger reported that the attendance has been good all summer at the Aquatic Center because the weather conditions were good. There have been fewer bus groups bringing in swimmers. The facility will close on August 22nd this year. City crews will begin draining the pools and preparing the facility for winter next week. Unger has been compiling information from area facilities so that the Board can compare their fees and wages. This will be reviewed in October or November when changes in the Aquatic Center fees for 2022 are considered.

V. Correspondence:

- Unger reported the KMGSA made a donation of \$250.00 to the parks department for use of the East Diamond ball field.
- Unger received an email from K-M Scout Troop #47976 asking permission to install a lending library in Lions Park as a service project. Unger will meet with them to choose the area where the box can be placed. Motion by Sinning and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, recommending that Girl Scout Troop #47976 be allowed to install a lending library in Lions Park.
- The K-M Lions would like to place a temporary plaque on the fence around the pickle ball court honoring one of their members. The Board is fine with it, but suggested that Unger touch base with members of Joint Ventures to make sure they also agree to have the temporary plaque. It was suggested that the Lions Club submit their request in writing so that the Joint Ventures and City Council can respond to their specific request. Unger also commented that the Lions Club would also like to place their emblem on the shelter in Lions Park in the future.
- There was also discussion about placing a bench in Lions Park across from the car wash on 2nd Street SW. There are many people that walk the trail who would like a place to rest. Unger indicated that permission must be obtained from the County Engineer to place any benches along West Veterans Memorial Highway. He was advised to talk to the County Engineer to see if placement of any benches would be allowed along the trail.
- Larsen has received comments from someone that goes to Stewartville for music in their park. The Park Board tried concerts and movies for a few summers, but we did not get the attendance. Larsen will try to get some additional information about the concerts that are being held and the ages of

the people in attendance. Unger asked Petree about his past experiences setting park programs. Someone from the community must champion the project and there must be enough City recreational staff to support the event. He relied on the local Chamber of Commerce to get buy-in. One of the funding sources for park improvements and events was parkland dedication fees.

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Christensen and second by Petree, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be September 21st.