

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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

THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Janet Sinning, Ryan Christensen, Greg Kuball, Chris Petree and Jon Knutson

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Chuck Coleman and Christine Purvis

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Trihey, Scoutmaster Tim Hruska, City Administrator Tim Ibisch, Parks & Rec/Streets Supervisor Ben Langan and Deputy Clerk Jan Naig

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

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

III. Old Business:

- A. Eagle Scout project proposal - Patrick Trihey.** Trihey presented a proposal for the two bike repair stations that will provide access to the tools needed to fix a bike. He plans to install the repair stations in Veterans Memorial Park and Lions Park. He also added a 21" x 60" bench (similar to those along Sunrise and Sunset Trails) into his proposal that will be installed next to the repair station in Lions Park. He is looking for a sign-off on the design draft from the City. Following the City's approval, he will work up a materials list, work on fundraising and labor contributions and finally, construction of the repair stations and bench. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,000.00 which will not be a cost to the City.

Motion by Sinning and second by Christensen, with all voting Aye, to recommend that the Park Board send the Eagle Scout proposal for the bike repair stations to the City Council for approval.

IV. New Business:

- A. Select Vice Chair.** Motion was made by Sinning to appoint Coleman as Vice Chair for 2023. There being no further nominations, a unanimous vote was cast in favor of Coleman.
- B. 2023 K.A.C.**
- 1. Set 2023 wages.** Langen called Stewartville and Dodge Center to confirm their proposed wages for 2023 seasonal employees. Kasson is considerably higher than either City. Since the minimum wage increase for 2023 has gone from \$10.33 to \$10.59, the Board is in agreement to increase all wages by the same amount - .26/hour.
- Motion by Knutson and second by Petree, with all voting Aye, to increase the wages for 1st year admission/concessions workers (to \$9.59), 2nd year admissions concessions workers (to \$10.59), lifeguards (to \$13.26), W.S.I.'s

(to \$15.26) and Assistant Managers (to \$16.51) by the .26 cents per hour over the 2022 wage.

2. **Hire 2023 Assistant Managers.** Langan interviewed the candidates for the Assistant Manager positions in December. He listed the candidates that have been recommended to fill the four positions.
Motion by Petree and second by Sinning, with all voting Aye, to hire the following as Assistant Managers for the 2023 season: Rachel Schultz, Duncan Olson, Patrick Trihey and Michaela Kern.
3. **Payment options for K.A.C.** Langan indicated that there has been some concern from the K.A.C. staff about going “cashless” at the Aquatic Center. The Board agreed that there are circumstances where people from out of the area may not be aware of a “credit card only” payment option. The Board recommends a cash or credit card only payment option for concessions – no checks. At this time payments of cash, check or credit card will be accepted for memberships, lessons and daily fees. There may also be a need to implement a “no out of town check” policy if there are problems with checks that do not clear the bank.
4. **Lemmie Jones inspection & 2023 repairs.** Langan reported some of the recommendations for repairs that were part of the 2022 Aquatic Center inspection. In 2023 funds are budgeted to repaint the dive tower (\$8,000.00) and to repair the toddler slide (\$14,000.00). Repairs to the two large slides and repainting the play features should be on our radar over the next three years. Replacing the seals and finishing the interior of the slides being the top priority. Langan has also implemented a yearly maintenance program for the pumps.
5. **Follow up on sub-committee meeting with Community Ed.** Langan and Administrator Ibisch met with the representatives from Community Ed in January. At this time, the plan will probably be to start small and use them for advertising. The current cost is \$250.00/page to advertise in their brochure. The Board will probably consider advertising in the Community Ed winter/spring and spring/summer brochures since this would be another venue for advertising that reaches a large number of households. Langan will verify what has been budgeted for advertising in 2023. The collaboration discussions with Community Ed will be on-going.
- C. **Signage proposal from the Save the Wall Committee.** Sinning brought in a draft of the signage proposal that the Committee would like to install next to the stone wall. She estimates it will be a 24”x 36” sign, mounted on two posts. Motion by Sinning and second by Kuball, with all voting Aye, to recommend approval of a sign funded by the Save the Wall Committee that is to be placed near the stone wall in Veterans Memorial Park.

V. **Correspondence:** None.

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Christensen and second by Petree, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next meeting will be on March 21st.