

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES JUNE 15, 2021**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

**THE FOLLOWING PARK BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Janet Sinning, Roger Franke, Chuck Coleman, Liza Larsen, Chris Petree, Ryan Christensen and Greg Kuball  
**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Sarah Hirsch and Deputy Clerk Jan Naig  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Mark Packard, City Administrator Timothy Ibisch and Parks & Rec Supervisor Ron Unger

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

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

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

**A. Visitor-Mark Packard, K-M Lions Club.** The K-M Lions Club has been helping the Butler's clean out their video store. The Butler's have offered a donation to the Club and request that they use it within the community. The Lions are interested in working with the Park Board to construct pickleball courts in Lions Park. The Joint Ventures group is currently working with the Raymond family to install two basketball courts in Lions Park. The Board asked if a multi-purpose court could be set up for both pickleball and basketball. Unger will contact Joint Ventures and the Raymond family to get their approval to make these multi-purpose courts. The Lions Club would be in favor of combining the courts because it will be a benefit to the community. Unger indicated the Raymond family plans to do a groundbreaking ceremony for the basketball courts in honor of Braxton. No date has been set.

The K-M Schools would like to work with the City to get tennis courts constructed. Kuball asked about the possibility of constructing tennis courts in J. Hyde Kasson Park.

Ryan Christensen was introduced as the new City Council liaison on the Park Board.

**B. Discussion-food truck operations in Parks.** The City is looking into adopting a policy for food truck vendors. Copies of the policy draft were distributed. The Park Board was asked to review the policy and make any recommendations concerning allowing mobile food trucks in City parks. Unger indicated the Board may consider allowing them in Prairie View Park, East Diamond Park and Lions Park. They would be in competition with the City's concessions in Veterans Memorial Park.

There was discussion about the profits earned at the City's concessions stands. A cost/benefit analysis which includes the wage component would need to be done. Would the Board consider using mobile food trucks rather than staffing their own concessions stands? Criteria would need to be established to make a change of this type.

Unger was asked to check with neighboring cities and with K-M Schools to find out if they allow food trucks/outside vendors on their properties and what their policies contain. There will be more discussion at a future meeting.

Motion by Petree and second by Christensen, to recommend changing the proposed Mobile Food Truck Policy to allow them in Lions Park, East Diamond Park and Prairie View Park with proper permits and to consider food truck vendors with further discussions for other opportunities within the park system. Voting in favor thereof: Sinning, Christensen, Kuball, Larsen, Petree and Franke. Those against the same: Coleman.

- C. Aquatic Center updates.** The first few weeks have been busy due to the excessive heat. The attendance numbers and food sales have been high.
- The State Health Inspector has already made an inspection and everything was fine. Unger indicated the K.A.C. staff did a great job of preparing the facility for opening. The Health Department will be back in mid-July for a second inspection.
  - Unger thanked the staff at City Hall for all of their help to get things prepared before opening date.
  - There have been some staffing issues this year. More W.S.I.'s are needed on staff. Unger may contact the Red Cross to see if they will do W.S.I. training in Southeast Minnesota next year since it is not convenient for our staff to travel to the Twin Cities for training. Wage increases may also need to be considered.
  - There has been an incident at the pool that resulted in 3 people being suspended from the facility for a week. The Board wanted to be sure the staff is trained on protocol for dealing with physical and verbal abuse and bullying situations.
  - Hours may need to be restructured next year if staffing issues continue.
- D. 2021 Park projects.** Unger listed some of the projects that the Parks Department is working on:
- playground modular in Meadowland Park
  - working with S L Contracting on the parking lot in Meadowland Park
  - paint the swings in Veterans Memorial Park
  - stain the dugouts in East Diamond Park
  - stump grinding

-repairs to the stone wall in Veterans Memorial Park. John Digley is going to Scotland in September. He plans to have the project done by the end of October.

- E. Festival in the Park refuse collection.** Unger is looking for two people to help with trash removal during Festival weekend. It is usually around 12 hours and they will be paid \$15.00 per hour. If anyone knows of someone at least age 16 who would be interested, have them contact Unger.

**IV. Old Business:** None

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Adjourn:** Motion by Christensen and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

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Chairperson

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Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup>.