

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES MARCH 15, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Kasson Park Board was duly held at Kasson City Hall on the 15th day of March 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Ryan Christensen

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

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 Petree, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the February 2022 Park Board Meeting.

III. New Business:

- A. Oath of Office-Kuball.** Naig administered the Oath of Office for Kuball. His term will extend through 2024.
- B. Adult softball meeting.** Unger indicated there will not be a district managers' meeting because of Covid. He will contact the local teams by email concerning their team registrations. League play will begin on May 5th. Unger is planning to have Kevin Voltin umpire the league again this year.
- C. Boulevard tree planting program.** Unger has orders from 17 residents for boulevard trees. The order date extends through March. He anticipates planting around 50 trees this year.
- D. Aquatic Center.**
 - 1. **Set 2022 K.A.C. staff wages.** Board members were reminded that the 2022 wages for Aquatic Center staff were set in December.
 - 2. **Hire 2022 K.A.C. employees.** Interviews for employment at the Aquatic Center were conducted in December. Unger presented the list of those he recommends for hire in 2022.

Motion by Coleman and second by Sinning, with all voting Aye, to recommend hiring the following for the 2022 season:

WSI's: Halle Determan, Kadence Kochie, Charlotte Woodrum, Duncan Olson, Moriah Mastin, Michaela Kern and Timothy Schultz

Lifeguards: Jonathan Schultz, Kaia Langemo, Ava Sutton, Sadie Coleman, McKenzie Holz, Bennett Brown, Owen Bradford, Patrick Trihey, Odin Kamel, Lucy Anderson, Mira Koehler and Cassidy Thompson

New Lifeguards-subject to successful completion of the Lifeguard Training Course: Addison Trow, Annalise Anderson, Emmett Oolman, Maya

Torkelson, Easton Suess, Aiden Kujath, Ian Kujath, Cullen Santjer, Lars Ingram, Jacey Heidt, Caleb Mecham, Tegan Peterson, Hunter Bjerke and Savannah Brandeland

Returning Admission/Concessions Workers: Drew Weigel, Quinn Mulrine, Piper Hiller, Emma Bradford, Amelia Peck, Claire Sutton, Sam Graunke, Spencer Anderson, Brasen Carlson and Madison Lee
1st Year Admission/Concessions Workers: Olivia Willert, Peter Christenson, Alec Verdeja, Andrew Holz, Kenzie Egger, Allie Graunke, Omar Kamel, Jonah Coleman, Brenden Wilkins, Lucas Zahn and Brett Ludvigsen

Abbie Root will be conducting Lifeguard Training Classes at our facility the week of May 21- May 26. Fourteen are registered for the class.

A representative from Recreation by Lemmie Jones met with City Staff to talk about entering into a maintenance agreement to take care of the slides at our Aquatic Center. Unger has not received the paperwork or cost estimates for the maintenance agreement. If the slides are inspected and properly maintained, it will add to their useful life. Coleman asked if the State requires any type of yearly certification of our slides. Unger is not aware of any State requirements.

The rubberized plates on the steps to the slide are in need of maintenance at the end of the summer. The double slide in the tot area is showing considerable wear and we will need to budget for a replacement in 2023. The space between the deck and the bathhouse needs to be caulked before winter this year to keep the decking from cracking.

- E. Set 2022 Arbor Day observance- April 29th.** The City will observe Arbor Day on the National Arbor Day on April 29th at 10:00 A.M. Trees will be planted in the island between the Aquatic Center and parking lot in Veterans Memorial Park on each side of the steps. He will contact the Lions Club to see if they will attend the tree planting. All Park Board Members are encouraged to attend.
- F. Veterans Memorial Park playground project.** Eight trees have been removed in the playground area of Veterans Memorial Park – 6 diseased ash trees, 1 box elder tree and 1 hollow maple. The plans are to implement the swingsets into the playground area with the wood fiber and border. This area will then be ADA compliant and all of the playground equipment will be incorporated into the area with the wood fiber.
A few larger trees will be planted on the south and east sides for shade. There was discussion about adding some canvas shading on the west side and to add some benches around the area.
Unger also commented that the EAB infestation in the City has increased considerably over the last year.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Park Board Member opening.** This City has started announcing that there is an opening on the Board. Anyone that is interested is encouraged to complete an application.

B. Skateboard park in Lions Park. Unger has been in contact with a representative from American Ramp Company about adding additional features to our existing skate park. They may send a rendering of what our skate park would look like with the additional features and a quote for the cost of the features.

Unger also indicated there is a possibility that the parking lot in Lions Park and a walking path to the various features may be blacktopped this summer. No pricing has been received.

Kelly Raymond sent Unger renderings of a sign that will be placed at the basketball court in Lions Park. Unger is not sure of the cost of the sign or how they plan to fund the purchase. Their annual Braxton Raymond Memorial Benefit will be held in Lions Park on May 22nd.

Kuball asked if the Council has made a decision on the Kasson Carbon Forest Project that was presented in December. Unger stated he has not heard the Council's decision, but that the Council had approved Option A for the development of the park on the Vail Property.

V. Correspondence: Larsen asked if there was anything to report after the City Council workshop on March 5th about replacing Unger's position. Unger indicated there had been discussion and that it has been referred to the Personnel Committee. She stressed the importance of keeping the position.

VI. Adjourn: Motion by Sinning and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M.

Chairperson

Deputy Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be April 19th.