

## **KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES MARCH 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March at 6:00 P.M.

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

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Deputy Clerk Jan Naig

**ALSO PRESENT:** Parks & Rec/Streets Supervisor Ben Langan

**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 Petree, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the February 2023 Park Board Meeting.

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

- A. Hire 2023 K.A.C. staff.** Langan distributed copies of his recommendations for summer employment. Motion by Coleman and second by Sinning, with all voting Aye, to hire the summer help at the wages indicated for the 2023 season.

**WSI's at \$15.26/ hour:** Moriah Mastin, Lucy Anderson, Ava Sutton, Sadie Coleman, Charlotte Woodrum, Jonathan Schultz, and Emmett Oolman

**Lifeguards at \$13.26/hour:** Annalise Anderson, Bennett Brown, Lars Ingram, Cullen Santjer, Addison Trow, Maya Torkelson, Teagan Peterson, Ian Kujath, Aiden Kujath, Jacey Heidt, Mckenzie Holz, Kaia Langemo and Spencer Anderson

**New Lifeguards (pending successful completion of their Red Cross certification) at \$13.26/hour:** Evelyn Lindstrom, Charles Lindstrom, Jensen Claffy, Logan Inman, Jonah Coleman, Andrew Holz, Brenden Wilkins and Madeline Urbanek

**Admissions/Concessions workers at \$10.59/hour:** Kenzie Egger, Alec Verdeja, Peter Christenson and Amelia Peck

**1<sup>st</sup> Year admissions/Concessions workers at \$9.59/hour:** Elisha Foley, Joseph Foley, Braeden Brown, Alex Fenske, Joanna Lindstrom, Emily Olson, Cameron Kern, Landon Staffon, Carson Brown, Dylan Allen, Jax Boyd, Kalin Anderson and Harlie Giloy

- B. Set date for Arbor Day observance.** Motion was made by Knutson and second by Christensen, with all voting Aye, to set the Arbor Day observance on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> in Lions Park at 10:00 A.M. Langan will contact the Lions Club and the D.C. I. to invite them to participate in the event.

- C. Adult Softball.** In the past the adult softball league was MSF sanctioned. Langan met with the team representatives and they do not see a need to

play in a sanctioned league since they do not play in sanctioned tournaments. This will also eliminate the need for sanctioned umpires. Langan did check with LMCIT to make sure this would not be an insurance issue. There was discussion about the fees that the teams pay to participate.

- D. Lions Park – benches.** Mark Packard has contacted Langan about donating four benches to be placed in the City. The Board was asked to think about places in the City and in our Parks that may benefit from a park bench. Langan will make sure the locations are not in easements or right of ways that would need approval from another entity before they are placed.
- E. Music in the Park.** Langan has been contacted by a resident about having music in the parks. The Board suggested that any groups interested in having music should form a committee and present a proposal to the Park Board. The Board does not currently have the staffing to take-on a project of this type.

#### **IV. Old Business:**

- A. Eagle Scout project update.** Langan reported that the City Council has approved the bike repair station project. He did reach out to the City Engineer to make sure the location of the bench in Lions Park would not be in the County's right of way. Everything is ready for Trihey to move forward with his project.
- B. Lemmie Jones update.** Langan contacted Lemmie Jones to get the repairs to the toddler slide and the diving board platform on their schedule for 2023. A date for the repairs to be done will be set in the next month.
- C. Advertising Budget / Community Ed brochure.** Langan reported \$1,500.00 has been budgeted for Advertising and Marketing/Promotion costs. There are funds available to place advertisements in the Community Ed brochure. The advertising deadline for the fall brochure is July 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board will continue to work on how the Brochure can be best utilized.

#### **V. Correspondence:**

Ryan reported that Sara Bailey, a K-M Special Ed Teacher, is looking into having ADA compliant swings that will accommodate people in wheelchairs placed in parks. She may attend a future Park Board meeting to advocate for the project.

Sinning asked about the concrete sidewalk that was recently poured near the historic stone wall. She is concerned about the gap between the wall and the sidewalk. She will have Rich from Reticulated Stone look at it in April. Langan informed her that the contractor may have left a gap to allow for expansion and contraction of the concrete and to avoid the damage to the wall by the movement.

**VI. Adjourn:** Motion by Christensen and second by Petree, with all voting Aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 P.M.

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Chairperson

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Deputy Clerk

The next meeting will be on April 18<sup>th</sup>.