

KASSON PARK BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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 September 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Sarah Hirsch

ALSO PRESENT: Parks & Rec Supervisor Ron Unger, City Administrator Tim Ibisch 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 Sinning and second by Coleman, with all voting Aye, to approve the minutes of the August 2021 Park Board Meeting.

III. New Business:

- A. K-M Youth Football program.** The youth league began play on Saturday, September 11 and the season will go through October 9.
- B. Veterans Park tennis courts condition.** Unger reported on an incident that occurred on September 5th. He received an email from someone who hurt her ankle and knee due to the condition of the tennis court. The Board was asked to consider whether the courts should be eliminated because of the liability hazard. The school district is still looking into helping to fund replacement tennis courts. At this time Unger was instructed to remove the nets and to bring this back for discussion at a future meeting.
- C. Draft of Park Master Plan.** The City is purchasing some of the Vail farmland to the west of Lions Park. Plans are to use some of that ground to expand Lions Park. The City's planning consultant, Hoisington Koegler Group Inc, has submitted drafts of two Park Master Plan Concepts for the Board to review. The discussion included: the types of amenities that should be considered based on the needs of the community, the need to construct a road and a bridge over Masten Creek and that cost, the need for bathrooms and larger parking areas if the park amenities are increased. If anyone has other ideas or concepts, Unger should be contacted since these drafts are early in the planning stages.
- D. Aquatic Center maintenance update.** Unger reported that City crews are in the process of preparing the facility for the winter. The umbrellas needing repair have been sent to Waterloo Tent. Stone by Stone has been contacted about caulking around the pool house building next to the decking. Superior Plumbing will be hired to blow water out of the pipes.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Lions Park basketball/pickle ball courts update.** Unger will be providing invoices to Joint Ventures for the construction of the pickle ball and basketball courts. They have allocated \$39,356.81 for the construction of the courts.

Midwest Fence will be here this week to install the fencing and the sod will be here on Thursday. Unger plans to install six park benches around the courts.

The Raymond family plans to install a sign in memory of Braxton east of the basketball court. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony next spring when the work has been completed.

- B. Veterans Park stone wall update.** Reticulated Stone began working on the wall project today. Digley estimates it will take until the end of October to complete the project. Stone by Stone will be contacted to coordinate the cement work with Digley's crew.
- C. Girls Scouts lending library.** Unger reported that the Girls Scouts were very appreciative that they were given the approval to place a lending library in Lions Park.
- D. Ice Arena report.** Ibisch reported that Ice Arena Committee met recently. They are looking at a 20 year plan for the facility. The refrigeration system will be replaced. They are looking to hire an additional full time person.
- E. Lions Park park bench.** Kuball asked about the bench that was installed across from the car wash. The Lions Club wanted a bench near the walk bridge. Due to the slope of the ground, Unger indicated it would be difficult to place a bench in that area. Ibisch and Unger will contact the County Engineer to see if a bench could be placed in the right of way along the trail.
- F. Board member Hirsch.** Unger reported to the Board that this is the fourth consecutive meeting that Hirsch has not attended a meeting. She has not been in communication with anyone concerning her absences. Since City ordinance allows for termination upon three consecutive absences without cause, a letter will be sent to terminate the position. Another appointment will not be made since the Board will remain at seven members.

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 scheduled meeting will be October 19th.