

## 10/22/2020 Minutes from Vergas Park Advisory Board

Meeting called to order by Sherri Hanson, Vice President at 1:00 p.m.

**1. Present: Sherri Hanson, Steph Hogan, Carol Albright**

**Absent:** Julie Lammers, Dean Haarstick, Mike DuFrane, Paul Pinke

**2. September Minutes** were approved.

**3. Additions to Agenda:**

**a. Boardwalk**

**b. Vets Memorial Park**

**4. Sherri Hanson** agreed to step into the President position, vacated by Mike Goettel, who resigned because he is selling his house. **Steph Hogan** agreed to step into the Vice President position after her appointment is approved by the City Council in November.

**5. Long Lake Park Workday:** Goettel and Puetz had been in charge of scheduling a work day. Hanson will contact Puetz to find out if she is still interested in planning the work day.

**6. Berm Project** will be placed on the Long Term Planning List for the time being.

**7. Budget Questions:**

- a. Will tree removal cost come out of 2020 Budget? **Hanson will contact DuFrane.**
- b. Can we move the unused engineering costs (\$2500) to 2021 for Long Term Planning?
- c. Can we move the unused berm project costs (\$2000) to 2021?
- d. We are in favor of buying garbage cans for Long Lake Park this year to make use of excess funds.

**8. Trail Committee Transfer to Park Board:**

- a. Does the \$1500 for steps come from the Park Board Budget?
- b. Bricks (\$200 each) will be sold to help pay for remaining Trail costs. **Hanson will find out what Trail costs are left to pay at the Vergas Community Investors meeting.**
- c. No snow removal is scheduled for Trail or boardwalk.
- d. Trail maintenance is the responsibility of the Park Board. Do we need more funding for that?

**9. Pickle Ball Court:** Hanson informed the Council about the idea at the October meeting. Feedback appeared to be positive.

- a. Preliminary Budget was presented. The Pickle Ball Committee includes Sherri Hanson, Ron Franklin, Maria Sontag, Sarah Strom, Shannon Carpenter, and Jill Shipman. No City funds are required for the project except for maintenance.
- b. Little League Field location has not been used for several years. It is a visible location with parking and level lot. The courts should draw people to town. Perhaps the basketball court, which is in bad shape, could be moved there from the current location at the Event Center.
- c. Has the City Office received any feedback from the community?
- d. Who is in charge of overseeing the construction?
- e. Hanson will ask for approval at the November Council meeting.

**10. Long Term Planning:** Members agreed to schedule a community meeting in January/February to ask for input about the parks in Vergas.

**11. Other:**

**a. Boardwalk:** Do we need reflectors on the Boardwalk for the winter snowmobiling season? **Hanson will check with DuFrane.**

**b. Vets Park:** A drawing and estimates for granite benches and tablets, plus a drawing was discussed briefly. Who is in charge of overseeing the construction phase? Park Board members do not feel qualified to do so. City employees already have their plates full.

**12. Next meeting: Thursday, November 19. Hanson will check with Lammers and DuFrane for the best time and format, ZOOM or in person.**