

**8.26.2021 DRAFT Minutes Vergas Parks and Rec Advisory Board**  
**3:30 p.m. Vergas Event Center**

**1. Members Present:** Steph Hogan, Sherri Hanson, Paul Pinke, and Carol Albright.

**Members Absent:** Maggie Puetz and Mike DuFrane

**Others Present:** Tony Sailer, Barbie Porter

**2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda:**

Weeds on Trail

Hairy Man Gathering October 2, 2021

**3. Approve July Minutes:** The minutes were approved with a motion by Hanson/Second by Hogan after this correction was made: The motion to approve the cutting of the tree in front of the loon was amended because the request by Pam Kirsch to have it cut down was unclear. Her request stated she was president of the Long Lake Association but the Association never voted to have the tree removed. The Council did not approve of cutting down the tree either because according to the SWCD Plan, ash trees should not be cut. They are slow growing.

**4. Donation for Swing Set:** Hanson received a \$160 cash donation during Looney Days from Greg Olson, a Lake Seven resident, for a swing set in Long Lake Park. She will deposit it in the Parks Board's savings account. **She will also recommend the Commercial Club donate Looney Days' profits for the swing set. She will check with DuFrane about which swing set to order. Hanson will also send a thank you to Olson.**

**5. Donation of a Doggie Waste Station:** A rural Vergas resident, Kelsey P. Varty, who uses the Trail allot wants to donate up to \$200 for a doggie waste station on the trail extension. The donation should be made to the Parks Board, then DuFrane can help order the station.

**Albright will notify Varty and meet with DuFrane.**

**6. Looney Days:** The Parks Board collected \$871 during the events at the park on Friday night by passing the hat. It will be deposited in the Parks Board's savings account. Parking issues will be addressed by the Community Club at their upcoming meeting.

**7. Wish List:** No idea when the COVID funds will arrive for the City to disperse.

**8. DuFrane Update:** DuFrane was absent. Hanson talked to Otter Tail County about curbside recycling. The County is only doing it in two communities at this time. They are looking into making it available for more communities in the future. The twenty recycling units provided for Looney Days were emptied twice during the event by City workers.

Hanson noted DuFrane offered to donate his boat to the City. She is not in favor of it because of insurance needed for it, plus there is no storage available for the boat, and it needs a new motor. She feels there are plenty of residents who would donate their time and boats to help install buoys.

**9. Other:**

Hanson reported the engraving on the Trail planter will be done the first week of September.

Motion by Hanson/second by Hogan to allow the Hairy Man event (October 2) to use the baseball fields for children's activities like old fashioned games. A suggestion was made to possibly hold a farmer's market venue, as well.

Albright asked about the weeds along the Trail. DuFrane had reported to Hanson, the ditch was too steep to cut them. Hanson will talk to DuFrane.

Albright reported the Budget Committee of the Council will look at the Park Dedication Fund information more closely. The Council asked if the Parks Board had any numbers in mind to charge for the Fund.

Pinke noted there are quite a number of small trees growing by the playground equipment in the park space behind the Event Center that need to be cut.

**Next meeting will be Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in the Event Center.**