

9.23.2021 DRAFT Minutes Vergas Parks and Rec Advisory Board Meeting
3:30 p.m. Vergas Event Center (ZOOM was unavailable because there were no batteries for the keyboard)

- 1. Members Present:** Sherri Hanson, Carol Albright, and Steph Hogan
Members Absent: Paul Pinke, Maggie Puetz, Mike DuFrane, and Julie Lammers
- 2. Additions to Agenda:** Snowmobile Trail and Skating Rink
- 3. August Minutes were approved** with a motion by Hogan, second by Hanson.
- 4. Budget:** The Council approved a budget of \$90,280 for 2022. Requested amount was \$103,255. The 2020 Budget was \$82,774. The 2021 Budget was \$73,225. Parks & Rec was the only entity that saw an increase in their budget for 2022.
Hanson would like to keep the parks in the Council conversation. In particular, she would like to see a preliminary drawing made of changes needed at Long Lake Park. Hanson and Albright will begin searching for a volunteer to do such a drawing.
- 5. Comprehensive Planning Meeting:** will be held Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Billy's. Everyone is invited to attend. Council members and a professional planner will lead the discussion.
- 6, 7, 8: Swing Set:** In a meeting with Hanson, Matt Engebretson, and DuFrane it was suggested that the swingset be placed next to the shelter closest to the Boardwalk. DuFrane is getting price estimates.
Water fountain near current playground: DuFrane and Engebretson will cement over the water spout and add a grill as was discussed at a previous meeting.
Boardwalk Maintenance: DuFrane has nailed down several warped boards. Lammers is checking on the warranty for the Boardwalk.
Trimming Weeds along Trail near Hairyman Statue: the ditch is very steep and bumpy. Some weeds cannot be trimmed with a weed eater. Is the Wiebe family responsible to trim the weeds above the retaining wall?
- 9. Enforcement of Motorized Vehicles:** Council has no enforcement powers. Citizens have to call the Sheriff when they see motorized vehicles on the Trail.
- 10. Trail Surface Update:** Mark's Sand & Gravel will be operating their asphalt plant at the Bunkowski Gravel Pit in October to complete work on Highway 87. They will lay down asphalt on the Trail at that time. Hanson was under the assumption the work would be donated. Lammers has been talking to the company to find out what the cost will be. DuFrane is concerned that the subsurface might not be the required Class 5 gravel.
- 11. Doggie Waste Station:** The \$200 donation has been received by the City for the station. Albright will talk to DuFrane to order it.
- 12. Hairyman Event has been cancelled for 2021 but will be held in 2022.**
- 13. Snowmobile Trail:** DuFrane and Erickson will clear a path from the lake to the Trail for snowmobiles next to 88 Park View. The path will be on the City's easement.
- 14. Skating Rink:** DuFrane has been talking to the City of Frazee to find out about setting up the rink.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 28, 2021