

**3.24.2022 DRAFT MINUTES Vergas Parks & Rec Advisory Board
Vergas Event Center 5:00 p.m.**

- 1. Members Present:** Sherri Hanson, Steph Hogan, Sydney Dahlgren (new member to replace Maggie Puetz), Carol Albright, Tony Sailer, Paul Pinke and Mike DuFrane.
- 2. No others present.**
- 3. No corrections/additions to February minutes.** Motion by Pinke/second by Sailer to approve February minutes as submitted by Steph Hogan.
- 4. Additions to Agenda:**
 - a. Boardwalk**
 - b. Wiebe Property**
 - c. Permit to Place Bench in Tin Can Alley**
 - d. Fence along Trail**
- 5. Swingset:** Hanson communicated with Chris Johnson. **The swingset will arrive Wednesday, June 1. Sailer will coordinate the project. DuFrane will try to get woodchips from an area city. We will set up the swingset on Saturday, June 4. Volunteers are needed.**
- 6. Swimming Lessons:** The City is currently losing about \$550 per year on the swimming lessons project. **Albright and Hanson will meet with Nancy Jacobson to try to alleviate that problem.**
- 7. NDSU Park Plans:** We have not heard any updates from Matthew Kirkwood since February 25 after the ZOOM meeting. **Albright will contact Kirkwood for an update.**
- 8. AARP Grant:** A representative from WCI, Celeste, contacted Albright about a grant opportunity from AARP. It seems like a good match for some of our needs. We will keep it in mind for next year since the March 22 deadline has already passed. There are lots of other grant opportunities available: Otto Bremer, KLN, Sanford.
- 9. Marketing Materials:** We could use marketing for donations but have not yet developed any materials. Should we advertise with the entire Community Fund? Or only for Parks & Rec?
- 10. Budget: DuFrane will purchase and install a grill near the boat dock.**
He will also purchase another garbage can and brush hog.
- 11. Other: DuFrane Report/Questions:**
 - a. Where to place the two benches? One at Pickleball Court, one near swingset.**
 - b. DuFrane will have Dakota Fence reps at next meeting to talk about replacing the split rail fence along the Trail.**
 - c. DuFrane will have parks and streets cleaned up for Maple Fest.**
 - d. He will contact the Boardwalk company to ask about damages to it from the winter. He has photos of the damage.**
 - e. Board agreed no other doggie waste stations are needed at this time but garbage cans should be placed at each Trail head.**
 - f. Board agreed to leave willows in place at 88 Parkview which helped re-route snowmobiles. The lath markers along the Trail easement on that property indicate permanent underground markers according to DuFrane.**
- 12. Wiebe Request:** Motion by Pinke second by Hogan passed to deny Wiebe's request to store his dock/lift on park property like the previous landowner did. A swingset will now be placed in that area of the park.
- 13. Permit for Bench:** Motion by Hanson/second by Pinke passed to allow placement of a memorial bench in Tin Can Alley. It will be set near the large flat rock towards the end of the Trail by the Glawe family in memory of Smilie (Kevin Glawe). Nancy Glawe will be directed to work with DuFrane for installation.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Vergas Event Center.