

## VERGAS PARKS & REC ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES

6/22/2022 at the Event Center, 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Sherri Hanson, Mike Dufrane, Tony Sailor, Paul Pinke, Steph Hogan

Members Absent: Carol Albright, Sidney Dahlgren

Others Present: Julie Lammers

Swing set Final Report: There was good community effort getting the Swing set erected. Mike reported that the wood chips have been installed and they have lowered the baby swing which had been too high. People have been using the swings which is nice to see.

NDSU Park Plans: We will have a special meeting to review the plans on the smart board. That meeting will take place on Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Budget: Question is there enough money to buy a second doggie waste station. Kelsey Varity who donated the money for the first waste station was all right with it's placement in the Park but Carol Albright told the board we might be able to buy a second one for the entrance to Tin Can. There is \$49 left from the Varity donation. It was decided we could afford the \$150 For purchase of a second doggie waste station. Mike or Julie will order it on line. We are responsible for purchasing the bags for the waste station.

The brush hog approved at a previous meeting has not yet been ordered.

The trash cans have not been ordered. The cost of the garbage cans is \$600 each with a shipping fee of \$433. We had talked about ordering 2 but 4 would be ideal. The break down of the cost is \$422 For the can, \$85 For the liner, and \$100 For the lid. The purchase of the new garbage cans will need to be taken to council for approval. We discussed doing the cans without the liners but Mike said this is not a good idea. Mike and Matt empty them up at the city garage in the dumpster there. We wondered if we had compared garbage cans with other communities and it appears the best option is a company out east. Tony asked if it might be possible to rent the cans from Steve's Sanitation who does the cities waste collection. Mike was going to check on whether that is possible and the expense.

The cost of the mulch used by the Swing set was \$2,500. This is almost double the past purchases. The expense will come out of the Operating Supplies portion of our budget. The mulch was also placed at the Pat Prentis planting, the flowers on the beach, and the playground behind the Event Center.

The expense for the chemicals used to control the weeds at the Beach was \$900. The generator Mike needed for doing his work has been purchased for \$247.

The invoice has not arrived for the purchase of the Swing set. Tony thinks it might be a little under what we were budgeting for and that money could go toward the replacement of the old grills in Loon Park.

Julie informed us it is budget time and we need to work on our budget next meeting. We need to come with Mike's needs and our wish list and plan make numbers higher not less this year since prices have only been escalating. The budget will be finalized in September by council.

Steps: Ryan Weaver was sent a stop work order by the City on the construction of stairs by the end of the boardwalk. The stairs go from the road to his dock. The construction was completed dispute the fact he was told they were not allowed by the county. Otter Tail County is pursuing the issue. The sheriff's department will deliver an order the steps must be removed within 10 days. If removal does not happen the county will remove them and charge the homeowner. The county attorney will handle this issue.

Buoys: Mike has installed the buoys but not the rope buoys. We need get someone to tie the buoys up. We will wait until next year to get the floats for the beach.

Erosion by the Tin Can Alley approach: Carol has talked with SWCD and they will give Carol their suggestion. The Conservation Corps did the weeding of the native plants garden and Mike and Matt have cleaned up the weeds.

#### Action Items:

Mike reported the grill for down by the dock has been ordered but not installed. The brush hog has not yet been ordered and the rocks and concrete have been installed under the boat ramp.

Sherri reported that we need to check on the cost for repair of the fence and Dugout before we ask whether the Community Club or Lions for contributions. Mike said there is a problem with the brown fencing because no one wants to do it. He will get bids for white fencing.

We want to get a poster made for Looney Days collection at the Beach. The City will print it or Tammy the graphic designer can design it for the City. Carol was not present so we do not have a report.

Steph reported that she had talked to most of the names on the list and in general their willingness to volunteer depends on the project.

. Mike reported that Summers Construction asked for a bid but too busy. Tom Shepard was also asked for a bid but that not best choice, Mike Sanders said he was too busy to take on the project now. Lorn Mentz said it made more to make it out of metal but that not necessarily good. Also suggested we use the Amish and use wood construction that also not a good idea. Tony said Brainard had used fencing and put a metal roof on top. That is the way most communities are constructing dugouts. Maybe we should use our insurance money do 2 big dugouts instead of the little league dugout and wait on the little league dugout. We also need to look into to fencing for the dugout.

Tony will get a bid from Chris Johnson of St. Croix Recreation regarding the garbage cans and fencing.

Mike reported the dead trees by Peterson Park are not on City property and our responsibility.

SWIMMING Lessons: Registration for swimming lessons will be made through Frazee Community Ed. People can not register for lessons until community ed gets their money from MDE. We will be notified when the link is set up.

Pickle Ball courts were surfaced this week and can be played on after July 1. The fence is not yet installed.

There is a handicapped issue in the bath House by the ball field. There was not much damage but when they moved the location of the Pickle ball courts they did not leave enough space for wheel chair accessibility.

Motion to adjourn made by Tony, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul, motion carries. Next meeting July 25 at 5 pm.

NEXT MEETING July 28<sup>th</sup>.