

## 8.25.2022 MINUTES DRAFT Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting

Convened at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Sherri Hanson.

1. **Members Present:** Carol Albright, Steph Hogan, Tony Sailer, Paul Pinke, Sherri Hanson.  
**Members Absent:** Mike DuFrane, Sydney Glawe
2. **Others Present:** Liz Wiese, Bob Hager
3. **Additions to Agenda:** Long Lake Park Restrooms
4. **Approve July Minutes:** Motion by Pinke/Second by Sailer. Motion approved.
5. **Budget:** Looney Days Pass the Hat at the beach events yielded \$2300. The waterski shows also collected \$500. **Hanson will ask Lammers where that is reported on the Income & Expense Sheet.**
6. **NDSU Plans:** **Hanson will mail date options for a meeting to review the plans via SmartBoard.** Julie Lammers will need to be present to operate the equipment.
7. **EOT SWCD Discussion:**  
Liz Wiese from SWCD presented ideas to stop erosion at the Tin Can Alley end of the Boardwalk. We can add black dirt and plant or use straw logs. Planting would likely be a more permanent solution. **She will check with their engineer to get his recommendations and then contact us.** SWCD might also have cost-share funds to help pay for the project.  
  
Bob Hager, Vergas resident, has met with Wiese to discuss maintaining the shoreline of Long Lake on the park end. Wiese noted we should leave as many willows as possible to hold the soil. We could do native plantings along the Boardwalk ditch but would have to get approval from MNDOT.  
  
Hogan noted we need to address the overall plan for revising the park first. Sailer reiterated that notion. Albright asked why Hager had removed the willows in the easement next to his property. She was reminded it was to create a snowmobile path.  
  
The consensus was Hager can work with Wiese to develop an overall plan for shoreline planting AFTER the park revision plans are put into place.
8. **Dug Outs:** Loren Menz is building two dug outs for the main ball diamond, not the Little League Diamond. The estimate is \$5000. We do not yet know how much the insurance reimbursement will be. Menz is building chain link dug outs with metal roofs.
9. **Hairyman Event sponsored by Community Club:** will be Saturday, October 1, from noon-6:00 p.m. at the Ball Diamond. There will be a full roster of events including games for kids and adults, live music, trap shooting, fire department extraction demonstration, hairiest person contest, hairiest football team contest, bean bag tournament, Amazing Hairyman Race, three raffles, long sleeve t-shirts

for sale, and Proof Distillery's Vergas Hairymen Label on their product.

10. **Looney Days Collection:** Discussion about how to use it. DuFrane mentioned to Hanson we should install permanent picnic tables. The wood ones are very heavy and awkward to move. Sailer said lightweight plastic tables were more often stolen in his experience. Hanson noted we often need tables for various events around town. **More discussion is needed.**
11. **Update from DuFrane:** Hanson met with him earlier and they discussed the following:
  - Grill has been installed in Tin Can Alley.
  - The second Doggie Waste Station has arrived and will be installed in Tin Can Alley.
  - Hanson agreed to contact the pickleball fencing company to find out if they have other fencing we can use along the Trail.**
  - DuFrane and Engebretson will repair the roof of the bathroom at the ball diamond soon.**
12. **Other:**

**Bathrooms at the beach are disgusting.** Many complaints were made to Hanson and Albright at the beach events during Looney Days. **Hanson will report it as a high priority item to the Council.** Sailer has some ideas based on his past experience. DuFrane thinks City workers might be able to dig a trench from the bathhouse to the lift station. He also recommended a Muffin Monster that chews up everything! In any case, the time has come to address the issue.

**Pinke noted bathroom at Ball Diamond is no longer handicap accessible** since the sand from the Pickleball Courts was moved in front of it. He suggested the sand be moved and a "retaining wall" be built to make access available. No further action was taken.

**Next meeting will be Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Event Center.**

**Motion by Hogan/Second by Hanson to adjourn.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **HANSON:**
  - a. **Meet with Lammers. Where is \$500 waterski show donation reported?**
  - b. **Send date options for NDSU Plans Review to Board members and Lammers.**
  - c. **Contact pickleball fencing company. Do they have a fence for the Trail?**
  - d. **Report to Council:**
    1. **Bathrooms at beach need to be a high priority.**
    2. **Board will work with Hager/SWCD to develop a native planting plan for the beach after beach revision plans are developed and approved.**
2. **ALBRIGHT:**
  - a. **Follow up with Wiese at SWCD regarding erosion control at Tin Can.**
3. **DuFRANE:**
  - a. **Work with Engebretson to repair bathroom roof at Ball Diamond.**

**b. Install second doggie waste station at Tin Can Alley.**

**4. EVERYONE:**

**a. Brainstorm ideas about how to use Looney Days money.**

**b. Who will follow through with handicap access for ball diamond bathroom?**