

## 9.22.2022 DRAFT Minutes Vergas Parks & Rec Advisory Board, 3:30 p.m. VEC

1. **Members Present:** Sherri Hanson, Steph Hogan, Carol Albright, Tony Sailer, Paul Pinke, Mike DuFrane. **Absent: Sydney Glawe**
2. **Others Presnet:** Judy Kvam
3. **Additions/Corrections to Agenda:**
  - a. Land Available for a New Park. Do we want it?
  - b. Meet with City Engineer on October 11, 2022
  - c. HairyMan Event Update
  - d. Goose Poop at the Vergas Beach
4. **August Minutes were Approved** with a motion by Hogan/second by Pinke.
5. **Dug Outs** have been built by Loren Menz. Think about having them painted and adding hooks inside for players' jackets, etc. **Shingling** of the restroom was also done by Loren Menz.
6. **NDSU Plans for the Park at the Beach:** were reviewed on September 19. Notes were sent to Board members. Hanson reported this Advisory Board can meet with the City Engineer on Tuesday, October 11 before the City Council meeting to inquire about the cost for drawing/ designing plans for the park renovation. **Hanson will notify Board members with the specific time to meet.**
7. **SWCD:**
  - a. Albright reported Liz Wiese from SWCD has contacted their engineer about solutions for the erosion at Tin Can Alley. She has not yet received a response from the engineer.
  - b. Albright presented the letter from Anne Oldakowski, SWCD Forestry Technician. As per her recommendation not to plant maple trees any closer than 25' from a retaining wall, Pinke made a motion/second by Hogan to have Bob Hager remove the maple trees he planted without permission; and to replant them in Tin Can Alley with Mike DuFrane marking their new location.

Pinke had a question about the terms of the easement on the Hager property. Albright will look at her copy of the easement and they will discuss the results.
8. **DuFrane Update:**
  - a. Second Doggie Waste Station has been installed at the entrance to Tin Can Alley.
  - b. Sand in front of the bathroom at the ball field has been removed, so it should now be handicap accessible.
  - c. Crossroads Garden Center and Landscaping submitted a bid of \$7240.75 to fill and seed the area around the Pickleball Court, construct a retaining wall with steps, and add concrete bullet edges. This will be a Pickleball Committee expense. Hanson will be meeting with the group to get their input.
  - d. DuFrane has talked to Scott Ehlke about preparing the water lines at the ball field bathroom for the winter months. DuFrane should let the Pickleball people know the bathroom will be closed after October 1 (the Hairy Man Event date).
  - e. Docks were pulled out today.
9. **Wish List:** Each Board member received a copy of the recently completed Comprehensive Plan. Hanson reminded the Board we will attempt to follow the wishes listed in it as we move forward with planning.
10. **No Budget** was presented as Lammers is out of the office at this time.
11. **Overview of All Vergas Parks:** Board members will tour all parks in Vergas to determine needs. A date will be determined via email.
12. **Other:**
  - a. Do we want the free lot being offered for a park? The land has been taken over by the State in the area of Ava and Diane Streets. **Hanson asked Pinke to find out the location and size of the lot.**

b. Board members will meet with the City Engineer on October 11, 2022 before the City Council meeting to start the process for park improvements at the beach.

c. Hairy Man Event at the Ball Park, October 1: **DuFrane will notify Frank Vanna of the Trap Shoot that will happen between 2:30-3:30 p.m.** The students who are doing the demo will likely clean up the mess. Volunteers are still needed for a few activities.

d. Goose Poop at the Beach: DuFrane talked to resident, Ben Ratz, about his request to use spray to keep geese off the beach area. They determined it was no longer an issue.

#### **Informal Discussion:**

**The park at the beach needs a name. We can publicize the need on FaceBook. Some suggestions:**

**Loon Echo Park**

**HairyMan Park**

**Big Loon Park**

**Resident guest, Judy Kvam, would like to join the tour of Vergas Parks.**

**13. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Vergas Event Center.**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Hanson:**

a. Notify members about the date for the tour of parks.

b. Notify members about the time for meeting with City engineer on October 11.

c. Discuss Crossroads' bid for Pickleball Court improvements with Pickleball

**Committee.**

d. Report updates to City Council from September meeting.

e. Report Board's recommendation to City Council to have Bob Hager remove and replant the maple trees at Tin Can Alley; the placement of which will be determined by DuFrane.

f. Publicize the Park Naming Contest on FaceBook.

**2. Albright:**

a. Check with Liz Wiese, SWCD, again for the erosion planting update.

b. Meet with Pinke to review the Hager Property easement.

**3. Pinke:**

a. Find out which lot the State will donate to the Parks Board and what is the size?

b. Meet with Albright to review the Hager Property easement.

**4. DuFrane:**

a. Notify Frank Vanna about the Trap Shoot on October 1 for the Hairy Man Event.

b. Mark the location for B. Hager to replant the maple trees in Tin Can Alley.

c. Follow through with Scott Ehlke to prepare the waterlines for winter at the bathroom at the ball park.

**EVERYONE: What should be the name of Vergas Park?**

