

9.26.2024 Minutes **DRAFT** Vergas Parks Advisory Board 3:00 p.m. at the Government Services Center

1. **Members Present:** Maggie Puetz, Steph Hogan, Sherri Hanson, Chuck Hanson, Dean Haarstick
Others Present: Julie Lammers, Mike DuFrane, Rex Kingsbury, Shannon Charpentier
Absent: Tony Sailer
2. **Additions or Deletions to Agenda:** None
3. **August Minutes** were approved with a motion by S. Hanson/Second by C. Hanson. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Memorial:** Rex Kingsbury would like to place a copper planter by the loon at Long Lake Park as a memorial to his mother. He will cover the cost.
5. **Pickleball Committee:**
 - A. The options for a security camera will be further discussed before presenting to the Council.
 - B. Bathrooms now closed for the season.
 - C. Raffle brought in \$1,620 for the pickleball courts.
6. **Baseball Committee:** C. Hanson will be putting up fencing around the field for Hairyman Festival.
 - A. Reseeding of the infield may be done this fall but not a pressing matter.
7. **Long Lake Master Plan:**
 - A. Raffle sales raised \$3,600.
 - B. Fundraising: S. Hanson to speak with Community Fund for fundraising suggestions.
 - C. \$200,000. is needed to be raised by February 2025 to apply for 50/50 grant.
8. **City Staff Update:**
 - A. MN Boardwalk needs to evaluate the damage & the repairs needed. It is still under warranty. Lammers will contact the company. Committee requested DuFrane to shut down Boardwalk until it could be repaired.
 - B. Puetz and Hogan will be tending the EDT Native Planting site this spring and summer.
9. **Budget:** Reviewed, nothing to update.
10. **Comprehensive Plan:** Reviewed.
11. Next meeting is October 24th at 3 pm at the Government Services Center.
12. Adjournment 3:59 pm. Motion by S. Hanson, Second by Hogan.

Written and submitted by Maggie Puetz

Follow-Up Actions:

1. S. Hanson will contact Community Fund regarding fundraising.
2. Lammers to contact MN Boardwalk.