

CITY OF VERGAS
Park Board Advisory Board Minutes
Vergas Event Center & Zoom Teleconference
3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 27, 2024

The City of Vergas Park Advisory Board was called to order by Sherri Hanson on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 3:00 pm with the following members present: Sherri Hanson, Chuck Hanson, Tony Sailor, Steph Hogan and Julie Lammers. Absent: Maggi Putz, Dean Haarstick and Mike DuFrane.

Additions and Deletions of the Agenda

The City Worker Report was deleted from the agenda.

Minutes

Motion by C. Hanson, seconded by Sailor to approve the minutes for October 24, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickleball

Frazee-Vergas Community Education is looking for an instructor for pickleball lessons and a committee to begin a league. Shannon Carpentier has provided one instructor's contact information and will send request to the pickle ball association.

Baseball Committee

Sailor reviewed committee information. Frazee-Vergas School District has not decided if they will be using the field in Vergas this spring. The 14U team will be playing in Vergas summer 2025. 10 and under will be playing on the little league field. The committee will look at updating the little league field. The Vergas city team will play on the main field. The committee requested S. Hanson request \$2,500 from Vergas Community Club for use of the field for their events. S Hanson will make a request at the December 5, meeting. The committee is still reviewing honor board or sign. 2025 expenditures currently include sign, 1 dugout in little league field, tubing along fence and seeding.

Long Lake Park Master Plan

Give to the Max received 3 donations. Currently the fund has \$30,500. Confirmed need to put in City newsletter request for end of the year donations. Hanson reviewed new laws on city sales tax. Motion by C. Hanson, seconded by Hogan to recommend to Council to pursue sales tax in Vergas for Long Lake Park Master Plan development. Motion passed unanimously.

Boardwalk

The boardwalk has been repaired and the city has received an invoice for repairs, the invoice has been turned into insurance. If it is determined wind caused damage it will be covered but if it is due to water levels the claim will be denied.

Budget

Lammers reviewed 2025 budget and 2024 income and expenses. Motion by S. Hanson, seconded by Sailor to recommend to Council to transfer \$15,000 from budget to the park money market account. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

The Vergas skating rink will be placed on the lake in the swimming beach area. The skaters will use their vehicles for warming. Discussed renting a porta potty and no decision was made. Discussed the liability the city is taking having a skating rink. Hanson stated we should sign-up stating: Not responsible for accidents.

Next Meeting Date/Time

There will be no park advisory board meeting in December. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23 at 3 pm at the Vergas Government Services Center.

Adjournment

Motion by C. Hanson, seconded by Hogan to adjourn at 3:42 pm. Motion carried unanimously.
Respectfully submitted,

Julie Lammers, CMC
Recording Secretary

Council Recommendations

Pursue City sales tax for Long Lake Park Master Plan Project.
Transfer \$15,000 to park money market account for capital outlay projects.

Follow up Actions

DuFrane to put a sign up at skating rink stating: Not responsible for accidents.