

CITY OF VERGAS
Park Board Advisory Board Minutes
Vergas Event Center & Zoom Teleconference
3:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 23, 2025

Call to Order

The City of Vergas Park Advisory Board was called to order by Sherri Hanson on Thursday, January 27, 2025 at 3:00 pm with the following members present: Sherri Hanson, Chuck Hanson, Tony Sailor, Dean Haarstick, Mike DuFrane and Julie Lammers. Absent: Maggi Putz and Steph Hogan. Also present Dennis Pausch.

Additions and Deletions of the Agenda

None.

Minutes

Motion by C. Hanson, seconded by Sailor to approve the minutes for November 27, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Status of Recommendations to City Council

The City Council approved the transfer of \$15,000 from capital outlay to the Park savings account. City Council approved Lammers to review Vergas sales tax for use in the Long Lake Park Masterplan.

Set Time, Place and Date of Regular 2025 Meetings

Motion by C. Hanson, seconded by Sailor to hold the 2025 park advisory board meetings on the 4th Thursday of the month at 3 pm at the Government Services Center. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointments

Motion by C. Hanson, seconded by Sailor to elect Sherri Hanson as park advisory board chair, Tony Sailor as Vice-Chair and either the Clerk or Deputy Clerk as the secretary of the park board. Motion passed unanimously.

Pickleball

S. Hanson will speak with Shannon Carpentier about pickleball lessons and a committee to begin a league.

Baseball Committee

Sailor reviewed committee information. Scott Goodman is getting quotes for signs recognizing 4 individuals. The Advisory board asked for criteria in deciding whose names go on the signs. The committee would like to know if the youth will be using the little league field. If the field is going to be used the dugouts need to be built, which the committee will do. The only expense will be materials. The baselines will need to be updated. There is a need for an Agri line and Sailor will look into a company in Sebeka (Olson Ag) for cost. The Vergas Community Club has requested to be allowed to put up banners on the fence to advertise sponsors from March - December. Motion by Sailor, seconded by S. Hanson to recommend to Council to allow Vergas Community Club to put up banners on the baseball field fence. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by S. Hanson, seconded by Sailor to recommend to Council to approve Vergas Community Club the use of the ballfield for Looney Days, Hairy Man and Small Town Christmas. Motion passed unanimously. Sailor said he would represent the baseball committee and the park board with weather decisions regarding the field.

Long Lake Park Master Plan

The committee recommended putting the project on hold until we know more about the City receiving sales tax for the project.

City Worker Update

Hanson thanked DuFrane and Engebretson for the work they had done on the skating rink. Pausch stated he has someone who could drive a blade pulled with a pickup to even out the ice. The cost of this is \$300.00. To make smooth they would need to change the shape to be oval. Committee asked Pausch to work with DuFrane on the project. Motion by S. Hanson, seconded by Sailor to recommend to Council to hire someone to blade the rink. Motion passed unanimously. The CDH-Vergas Fire Department has flooded the rink.

DuFrane asked about putting up a shed or adding onto the current shed at the ballfield as equipment needs to be put away.

S. Hanson thanked DuFrane and Engebretson for the work they did with Christmas lights and trees for the Vergas Community Club.

Budget

Lammers reviewed 2025 budget and 2024 income and expenses. Sailor asked DuFrane to provide a 5–10-year equipment request and DuFrane stated he is asking for equipment from the Council. Lammers stated she would provide the committee with a current vehicle replacement listing.

Other Business

Pausch asked committee if there was any interest in having Cross Country Skiing Trails in and around Vergas. S. Hanson said she would ask around.

Next Meeting Date/Time

There will be no park advisory board meeting in December. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27 at 3 pm at the Vergas Government Services Center.

Adjournment

Motion by C. Hanson, seconded by Sailor to adjourn at 3:51 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully submitted,

Julie Lammers, CMC
Recording Secretary

Council Recommendations

Allow Vergas Community Club to put sponsorship banners on baseball field fence.

Allow Vergas Community Club to use the ball field for Looney Days, Hairy Man and Small Town Christmas.

Allow skating rink to be bladed when needed.

Follow up Actions

Pausch and DuFrane to work on skating rink smoothness.

S. Hanson to investigate Cross Country Skiing Trails.

S. Hanson to speak with Carpentier about pickle ball lessons.