CITY OF VERGAS

Park Board Advisory Board Minutes Vergas Event Center & Zoom Teleconference 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025

Call to Order

The City of Vergas Park Advisory Board was called to order by Sherri Hanson on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 3:00 pm with the following members present: Sherri Hanson, Tony Sailer, Steph Hogan, and Dean Haarstick. Absent: Chuck Hanson and Maggie Puetz. Also present: Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane, City Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers; and citizens Tim Gagner, Mellony Ringsted, and Shannon Charpentier.

Additions and Deletions of the Agenda

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Hogan, to approve the agenda with the following additions: Vergas Lions, Swimming Lessons, Ski Team, and bocce courts.

Minutes

Motion by Hogan, seconded by Haarstick, to approve the minutes for April 24, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Status of Recommendations to City Council

None.

Pickleball

An average of 19 players a day played between May 16 and April 13, 2024. Courts wintered well. They are working on communication; the top priorities are the website and shade. Tuesday nights are ladies' night.

Baseball Committee

The baseball committee is working on baseball field nominations until June 1, 2025. They will hold a dedication this summer. They are considering dedication during the Looney Days Old Timers Game on Wednesday, July 30, 2025.

City Worker Update

DuFrane reported on the following:

Due to the increased workload of city employees, the docks will not be installed until after Memorial Day. The committee stated that if employees do not have time to install docks, we may want to consider hiring someone to do so in the future.

DuFrane will be adding five more pin extensions for the boardwalk as they are dropping below the water level.

Discussed flowers by the boardwalk, a City employee moved over – may want to look at replacing them.

The tree dedicated to Pat Prunty needs to be removed, and we will not replace it at this time.

Other Business

Vergas Lions

Tim Gagner, a Vergas Lions Member, discussed updating the picnic shelters on behalf of the Lions. Both the shelters at Loon Park and the Event Center require signage updates, painting, ceiling repairs, and soffit replacements. The City would appreciate it if the Lions would paint the walkway ramp when painting the shelter. No permits are required when working on city property, and the park board has given its approval to update the shelters.

Bocce Court

Mellony Ringsted requested the city add Bocce courts to our community. The community could have leagues with 2 teams, each consisting of 4 people. The courts can be gravel or grass. Would need two maintenance-free courts to begin with. Costs is \$50 to \$150 per set. The committee encouraged Ringsted to move forward with forming a committee and providing a location and cost at a future park board meeting.

Ski Team

Hanson updated the committee on the ski team. Practices will be Tuesdays and Fridays with performances on June 20, July 5, 18th and August 2 in 2025.

Vergas Swimming Lessons

The committee inquired about when the swimming lessons would be held. The Vergas Community Club donated to keep the fee low. Lammers stated she would email members as soon as she was aware of the dates.

Next Meeting Date/Time

June 26, 2025, at 3:00 pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Hogan, seconded by Sailer, to adjourn at 3:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Lammers Clerk-Treasurer City of Vergas

Council Recommendations

None.

Follow-up Actions

Board members bring ideas for a potential mission statement. Board Members decide whether meetings begin monthly or as needed. Lammers find dates for swimming lessons.

