

**Park Advisory Board  
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Government Services Center & Zoom Id 267-094-2170 password 56587  
3:00 PM on Thursday, October 24, 2024**

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- 2. Additions and Deletions**
- 3. Minutes**
  - September 26, 2024
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- 5. Baseball Committee**
- 6. Long Lake Park Master Plan**
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  - Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024 at 3 pm (Thanksgiving Week)
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**3. Minutes**

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September 26, 2024

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- 9 26 2024 Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT.pdf

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:**
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  - 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**5. Pickleball**

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- Vergas Pickleball Club Minutes\_October 2024.pdf

## **Vergas Pickleball Club Meeting Minutes**

October 2024

### **1. Opening**

Shannon called the meeting to order

### **2. Board Roll Call - present**

- Shannon Charpentier - President
- Ray Sailer - Vice President
- Ann Richard - Treasurer
- Mara Davis - Secretary
- Not present Todd Morse

### **3. Minutes from Spring Meeting**

- Motion to approve. Mara seconded.

### **4. Treasurers Report**

- Motion to approve. Shannon seconded. We currently have a balance of 9/30/24 is \$2,632.69.

### **5. Discussion items:**

- Julie Lammers at the city told us we have \$1,600 sitting in the WCI fund because of the raffle that Brenda and Paul Delaneva conducted. Brenda has made it clear she is upset with Ann and Shannon who wanted “nothing” to do with the raffle. Which is true. We told her last year we did not want to do any more raffles, as they are a ton of work and need a lot of support and careful coordination. We told the Delaneva’s at the Park Board Meeting we are not interested in doing a raffle. They did it anyway, and now we are at fault in their eyes. We talked about this as a board and all 5 of us would like to decline that money and let it go to the Community Club or wherever the Delaneva’s wish. We didn’t earn it, we didn’t work for it and we feel it’s better to decline it.

- Ann presented a spreadsheet showing attendance for 2024, we are growing! 2,309 players at the courts, 124 days played, averaging about 19 players per day. In 2023 we only kept track of 2 months, August and September = 785 players. Shannon will get this to the Park Board and the City.
- We discussed the security camera issue a bit more. Mike from the city said he knows the type of camera that was bid to us earlier in the summer. They have similar cameras at the city recycling place and he said they are crappy. Anyone that is going to vandalize those courts, will do it at night with dark clothing and hoodies on. It would be difficult to catch anyone. His words. We feel more research needs to go into this before we decide what to do. Some wondered if we need them. Shannon is going to check with Sherri Hanson on exactly what the insurance will cover if something does happen. Let's do some more thinking on this topic.
- We discussed when to take the nets down, will wait as long as can. We will take a look at the fences and see if they need a few zip ties. There are staples in the box to secure the carpet. The box will be emptied, clothing tossed or free to the taker. Paddles and balls can go in my garage.
- When we take the nets down, Ray will freshen up the paddle holder. We have a few gouges in the concrete. Ray is open to fixing, but we need to get in touch with the guy that did the surfacing to get his advice. Shannon has a call and an email into him. More on that soon.
- We talked about continuing Round Robins, maybe doing some fun twists to them. Women only, Men only, Mixed, Kings and Queens. Shannon will do some research on that during the winter. Ladies night will continue with Kathy Borge at the helm.
- Talk of clinics and lessons are back, we need to find people to do those. Put your thinking caps on please.



- On our dream list is some sort of shade, we all agree the black carpet is a hit. We talked about getting more of that in the Spring. We can discuss further.

## **6. Adjournment**

**Advisory board** (non-voting) Just a reminder to the board.

We currently have 3 members on our Advisory Board who will be Ambassadors for our club. They will be our cheerleaders in the community, helping to educate the public on our plans, help out when needed and continue to make our courts a success. They are Sherri Hanson, Maria Sontag and Ron Franklin. We are thankful for their support.

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**9. Budget**

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- 2024 Park Income and Expense Report.pdf

Prelim. Budget  
Approved by  
Council in Sept.

	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>Income &amp; Expenses 10/22/24</u>	
<b>Income:</b>			
City Taxes (Approved by Council)	86,345.00	86,345.00	91340
Miscellaneous Donations	0.00		0.00
Marion Dahlgren Memorial	2,520.00		0.00
Greg Dahlgren Memorial	250.00		0.00
Swing Set Donation	289.86		0.00
Land Dedication Fee	0.00		0.00
		*used for swimming lessons	
Swimming Lesson Donation (Lion's)	0.00	240.00	240.00
Loon Art for the Park Event	4,035.14		0.00
Bathhouse Donations (Liquore Store Box)		146.18	
		*used for ballfield	
Baseball Field mound covers (VCC)		1,500.00	0.00
		*used for ballfield	
Baseball Field Upkeep (VCC)	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$94,940.00</b>	<b>\$89,731.18</b>	<b>\$91,580.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Wages and Salaries (100)	25,530.00	19,896.48	26,295.00
Employer Cont./Soc.Sec/PERA. (122)	12,465.00	8,432.90	12,840.00
Employee Insurance (131)	6,000.00	2,673.01	4,200.00
Workers Compensation	900.00	0.00	2,400.00
Office Supplies (200)	100.00	606.81	350.00
Operating Supplies (210)	7,000.00	5,181.34	7,000.00
Repair & Maint. Supplies (220)	2,000.00	1,170.44	2,000.00
Engineering	5,000.00	240.00	5,000.00
Telephone	375.00	331.25	375.00
Travel, Mtgs, & Schools	20.00	20.00	20.00
Employee Clothing Allowance(245)	100.00	189.98	100.00
Licenses/Permits	360.00	35.00	360.00
Insurance (360)	5,000.00	2,719.00	3,000.00
Utility Services (380)	3,500.00	2,855.64	4,000.00
		Council approved 10 extra Garbage cans	
Rubbish Service (384)	2,600.00	3,365.05	3,200.00
Repair & Maintenance Service(400)	3,000.00	3,350.89	3,000.00
Baseball Field		0.00	1,500.00
City Share/Assessments (440)	990.00	701.15	700.00
		Long Lake Park, Riding lawn mower scheduled to be replaced in 2026 for a cost of \$13,000.00	
Improvements (530)	20,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
		Used 3,000 donation	
Refunds & Reimbursements	0.00	10,196.96	240
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$94,940.00</b>	<b>\$61,965.90</b>	<b>\$91,580.00</b>
<b>Total for Parks</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$27,765.28</b>	

**Savings Accounts for the Park (need Council Approval to spend)**

Money Market Account	\$20,788.76	20,798.66
West Central Initiative (bathhouse funds)	21,436.21	26,677.51
Total		<b>\$42,224.97</b>

We have received the \$1,595.00 from the 50/50 raffle.

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