

## **Vergas Park Board Minutes**

ZOOM Meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2020

**Present:** Julie Lammers, Dean Haarstick, Mike DuFrane, Paul Pinke, Sherri Hanson, Mike Goettle, Carol Albright

1. **Meeting called to order** by Lammers at 1:00 p.m.

2. **Additions to Agenda:** Garbage Cans

3. **Information:** Lammers noted the information sent to members prior to the meeting outlines the purpose of the Park Board and includes the City Ordinance which established the Park Board. Members will review the information on their own.

4. **Election of Officers: Motion by Hanson/Second by Albright** to elect:

Goettel/ President

Hanson/Vice President

Albright/Secretary

Roll Call Vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

5. **Helpful Information:**

a. All City Parks in the State are currently closed in accordance with League of MN Cities' guidelines but cities are free to use their own guidelines. In Long Lake Park closed signs are in place on the bathrooms. DuFrane will make a new closed sign to place on the playground equipment. Picnic tables will remain stacked in the shelters. The Long Lake Park will remain open for walking and driving. The "Playground Closed" sign is already in place at the Lions Park. Picnic tables are six feet apart in the shelter.

DuFrane will put in the Pier as soon as the DNR is available to assist.

Members agreed to make a decision about whether or not to hold Swimming Lessons this summer at Long Lake Park at the May Park Board Meeting.

Update on the boardwalk for the trail: it should be completed by June 1. Torey Sonnenberg is doing the work.

b. The Vergas Lions are willing to help clean-up Long Lake Park.

6. **Review City Parks:** Members agreed to meet Monday, April 27, 2020 to review the parks at 10:00 a.m.

7. **Building a Veterans' Memorial in Vergas:** Area veterans have met with the Community Club and the City Council to discuss building a Veterans' Memorial in Peterson Park. The Council wants a recommendation from the Park Board. Goettel will contact Lyle Kreig of the Veterans' Group to meet with the Park Board on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

8. **Next meeting:** will be Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Members agreed to hold meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month.

9. **Garbage Cans:** DuFrane has asked the City Council to replace the garbage cans. The Council would like a recommendation from the Park Board. DuFrane has checked prices. The estimate is about \$500 each. We need a total of five to place at the Liquor Store (1), Event Center (1), and Long Lake Park (3). There was a question if the Park Board has a budget. Lammers will send the budget to Park Board members.

**Motion by Albright/Second by Hanson** to recommend the Council buy the five garbage cans DuFrane recommends. Roll Call Vote: Haarstick/No; Remaining Members/Yes.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

