

## **NOTES FROM VERGAS PARK BOARD On-Site Review of Parks**

**Monday, April 28, 2020 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

Present: Sherri Hanson, Mike Goettel, Carol Albright, Mike DuFrane, Matt Engebretson, Paul Pinke

The brainstorming session/review produced these ideas to include in an over-all plan for the parks.

### **1. Beach Sand:**

- Level the pile of sand at the beach.

- Keep it off the asphalt.

- Get washed sand, not "gravel".

- Rake/maintain it on a regular basis, perhaps May and August.

- Currently, the City has no equipment to do the task. There is a drag stored at the Ball Field that might be available to use. Maybe the job should be contracted.

- Does the City need a 4-wheeler or side-by-side to do these small jobs?

- Add sand to the area in front of the boat dock.

- Add a buffer strip to beach to keep geese away? Sand keeps them away.

- Add shelter to beach end of park.

### **2. Wood Rail Fence**

- Several poles are loose.

- DuFrane will contact Dakota Fence to assess the poles

- Should it be replaced with a metal fence?

### **3. Vanna Property:**

- Does he own any lake shore?

- No, it is county land within city property.

- No trail easements were required from Vanna.

### **4. Remove brush in front of bench located in front of B & B.**

- Wait! Maybe it protects the shoreline? (Carol will do research.)

### **5. Dream List:**

- Add Antonsen Lot to Park.

- Clear the asphalt trail in winter.

  - No equipment to do that.

  - Where would you put the snow?

### **6. Crozier Well Structure is deteriorating and is a liability.**

- Carol will call family to get their thoughts.

- Roof repair?

- Rocks repair?

- Remove the entire wood structure for now.

- Add a grate for grilling?

### **7. Playground:**

- Pull out wood border, currently a liability.

- DuFrane adds new wood chips every other year. Probably on hold because of COVID.

### **8. Take down Trail Sign. It is faded and battered.**

### **9. Drinking Fountain:**

- Do we need it?

- Difficult to maintain.

- Doesn't drain properly.

- Vandalism

### **10. Dream List: Add flushable toilets**

### **11. Shelter Area**

- Trim sumac to provide a better view

- Trim brush in front of shelter

- Add a fire ring in low area near lake

12. Tree in front of loon

People have asked to remove it so loon is visible from lake.

Objection: don't cut down trees! Clear brush instead.

Should we contact DNR to get a shoreline management plan of some sort?

13. Tin Can Alley

Albrights have large rocks. Carol will check to see if Wally wants to get rid of them.

Add fire ring on "Ehlke Beach"

Planter needs new/matching grout.

DuFrane will check with Waggeman about tuck pointing.

Veterans' Memorial Park

Lyle Kreig presented the idea.

Trees would have to be removed/transplanted.

Veterans need to meet with Zoning Committee next.

Veterans need to compile detailed drawings with measurements and a budget, then start fundraising.

No formal decision by Park Board but seemed in favor of the project.