

Vergas Park Advisory Board  
Government Services Office, 131 Main Street Vergas MN  
3:00 pm  
01-25-2024

1. Members Present: Sherri Hanson, , Tony Sailer, Chuck Hanson, Steph Hogan, Maggie Puetz  
Members Absent: Dean Haarstick
2. Others Present: Julie Lammers, Mike DuFrane, Dennis Pausch
3. No Corrections/Additions to the November minutes.
4. Approved November minutes with a motion by Hogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Hanson
5. Board Appointments:  
Secretary – Maggie Puetz  
Chairperson – Sherri Hanson  
Vice Chairperson – Tony Sailer  
Meeting times and dates for 2024: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.
6. FHS I to use baseball field for JV. Tony Sailer will get a schedule from them.
7. Baseball Diamond: Tony Sailer will be the Parkboard representative for new Baseball Park committee. Tony will be contacting community members who have expressed interest to volunteer for Ballpark committee. Committee to maintain the field before, during, and after use.
8. Picnic Tables: Mike Dufrane reported that Matt Engebretson repaired all of the picnic tables that were in need of repair. Dufrane will look into and provide a number of replacements needed. We have 7 new tables that have been donated.
9. Widseth Outdoor Recreation Grant/Long Lake Park Master Plan:  
Julie Lammers presented grant information and reviewed the timeline of the grant. Discussed the bathhouse and the cost of adding bathroom to the shelter at the end of the beach, closer to the trail. Engineers have estimated the cost to bring sewer to the current bathhouse at approximately \$70,000.00 to bring sewer to the proposed shelter would cost approximately \$30,000.00. Motion by S Hanson, seconded by Sailor to recommend to Council to hire Widseth to apply for grant and to add \$80,000 to the capital outlay budget in 2025. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Ice Rink: The Vergas fire department offered to flood the skating rink when/if temperatures drop and ice gets to a safe depth.
11. City Worker Update: Mike Dufrane expressed concern of the old cottonwood tree behind the community center and will be getting 2 estimates for removal.
12. Clarification of communication of approved items to go to Council:  
The Council Liaison is to bring information to the Council meetings regarding the park board. If they are not able to attend the meeting, they have to contact the city office to find a replacement. Motion by S Hanson, seconded by Sailer to recommend to Council to have city employees Julie Lammers or Mike DuFrane bring park board information to Council when council liaison is not present. Motion passed unanimously.
13. Budget: Lammers reviewed the 2023 and 2024 budget.
14. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 3 pm.
15. Adjournment

### **Council Recommendations**

- Apply for Outdoor Recreation Grant.

- Approve \$80,000 for 2025 park budget for capital outlay.

**Follow up Actions**

- Members to ask Kyle Schrupp, Scott Ehlke, Scott Goodman and Jerry Johnson to be on the baseball field committee.

The business for which the meeting was called having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_4:10\_\_\_ p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Puetz  
Recording Secretary