

Vergas Park and Rec Advisory Board

January 22nd, 2021

Report from the Park and Rec Advisory Board will be given at the City Council Meeting.

A couple of items I would like to give information on before that meeting.

1. Resolution for storage of city resident living at 1156 E Frazee Ave, Vergas (Mike and Janell Goettel). Goettels are asking for storage of boat lift and dock for perpetuity. **It is the recommendation of the advisory board to not do this.** While there was a verbal agreement with the Goettels to move their boat lift and dock up and store it on city property, it was not the intent that this was for perpetuity. The following items were discussed which support this recommendation:
 - a. It is unknown who the new land owners might be, and that they might have more equipment and even might section off property, and then you would be dealing with multiple people.
 - b. The City may wish to develop and expand services this portion of land, and a resolution would prohibit that.
 - c. The City is not in the business of dock and boat lift storage, there are businesses to do that.
 - d. It is not wise to allow one citizen this privilege.
 - e. There is a misconception from easement signers that they are “owed extra favors”.
2. Snowmobile Traffic on Parkview Drive
 - a. Discussion at the meeting recognizes the issue of snowmobiles going on the private property as well as on the trail and boardwalk.
 - b. Signage will be requested from the Snowmobile clubs.
 - c. Social media will be used to try to educate respectful use of land by snowmobilers, as it is recognized that we do want them to come to our community.
3. Pickleball Courts
 - a. Fundraising through the WCI using the component from Vergas Community Investors and the City of Vergas Website was approved.
 - b. Maps of the location have been looked at, recognizing that although there is not a written easement for Vana property, that there may have been some discussion of access, so it would be in the best interest to create a plan with that in mind.
 - c. Drawings, with exact location and dimensions are needed. Space needed is 128 feet by 68 feet.
4. 2021 Park Board Advisory voting members are: Carol Albright, Sherri Hanson, Steph Hogan and Maggie Puetz. Puetz is also chairman of the Citizens advisory group to the Park Board.