

10.28.2021 Minutes for Vergas Parks & Rec Advisory Board

Meeting called to order by chair, Sherri Hanson, at 3:30 p.m. in the Vergas Event Center.

1. **Members Present:** Sherri Hanson, Steph Hogan, Mike DuFrane, Carol Albright, Paul Pinke

Members Absent: Maggie Puetz

Others Present: Tony Sailer

2. **No Additions/Corrections to Agenda.**

3. **September Minutes approved** with a motion by Hanson, second by Pinke.

4. **Skating Rink Update:** DuFrane reported the rink will be located in front of the beach shelter. Size is not known at this time. Need 12" of ice. Will flood the space to keep it smooth. May put boards around the shelter for a "warming" area. No bathrooms are planned at this time but **DuFrane will find out how much a porta potty will cost. He can also talk with Neil Kuhlemeyer, who is in charge of the DL skating rinks, as a resource person.**

5. **Snowmobile Trail:** DuFrane's plan is to clear out the willows on the trail/drainage easement at 88 Parkview Drive to allow snowmobiles to leave the lake and use the ditch to go uptown. **DuFrane will follow up with a councilman, Bruce Albright, who had questions about the easement. DuFrane will also remove the No Snowmobiling sign he installed last winter at the easement site. DuFrane and Lammers will inform their respective snowmobile clubs about the changes in the snowmobile trail.**

6. **Doggie Waste Station:** DuFrane reported that Julie Lammers ordered the waste station. No delivery date was given. It likely will not be installed until next spring.

7. **Swing Set: Sailer volunteered to contact St. Croix Recreation to get estimates on a variety of swing set packages that are within our \$5000 budget.** We are hoping to buy four swings: two bench swings, one bucket, and one for special needs or adult/child.

8. **Trail Surface Update:** The asphalt must be in place by June 30, 2022 according to the Trail grant. Lammers is waiting to hear from Mark's Sand & Gravel about whether they will donate the work. Hanson was under the assumption that they would. DuFrane has bids from two vendors, Driveway Services \$9500 for two inches of asphalt, \$10,625 for two and a half and from Howard's Paving: \$9600 for two inches, \$10,600 for two and a half. Neither bid includes landscaping.

9. **Engraving Update:** Hanson reported the company was supposed to do the engraving this week but they have not yet shown up. They are based in Alexandria and will do on site engraving of the last memorial bricks and the Glawe benches.

10. **Ruts in the Beach:** DuFrane and Engebretson straightened the parking barricades again but DuFrane said the ruts will continue to form until the drainage issue is addressed.

11. **Comprehensive Plan:** The drainage issue at the beach is part of the Comprehensive Plan. Are there any grants available from DNR/MPCA to do a project like this? **Hanson will contact West Central Initiative, the County engineer, and Jeff Fjestad from DNR. Hogan will contact the Hubble Pond people. Albright will contact NDSU Landscape Architecture department.**

Sailer and DuFrane met to create a plan for upgrading vehicles and equipment. DuFrane already had the plan in place but it has not been approved by the Council. Sailer also suggested we may want to look into leasing vehicles and equipment.

12. Budget was not received from Lammers.

13. Next meeting dates will be Thursday, November 18 at 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 16 at 3:30 p.m.