

CITY OF WACONIA
MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
September 21, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Regular Meeting of the Waconia Parks & Recreation Board in the Maple Conference Room was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Shaw.

Park Board Members Present: Lacey Shaw, Adam Hegeholz, Leah Soltis, Tom Adamini, Ben Strasheim.

Park Board Members Absent: None

Council Liaison: Randy Sorensen

Staff Present: Shane Fineran, Mike Mawdsley, Lane Braaten

Guests: Paul Modeen, Tana Voitola, Dean Lotter

Adopt Agenda

Adamini made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Hegeholz. All in favor.

Laura Stftha with the Childrens Coping Connection requested to speak to the board. Ms. Stftha works with children who are dealing with grief and loss and many therapeutic tools include the creation of artistic expression. Her request was to provide for public art creation sites or installation at the skate park.

Approval of Minutes from June 21, 2023, Meeting

Adamini made a motion to approve the June 21, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Hegeholz. All in favor.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Items for Consideration and Direction

Staff presented a proposal from the developer of the Otto Apartments located on Industrial Blvd. adjacent to Sudheimer Park. The developer was exploring other amenity options for their site and proposed to partner with the city on an adjacent pickle ball court within the Sudheimer Park space. The Park Board desired staff to review the site and develop a concept to understand the impact on space, parking demands, and access.

Paul Modeen presented to the Park Board an idea of a mobile sauna unit being located at Cedar Point Park for the winter months. This would be a business operated by Mr. Modeen for rental and would be staffed and cared for by his company. The operation would be similar to the kayak and canoe rentals and lessons situated here in the summer months. The Park Board supported the idea and recommended that staff work on location and rental agreements be presented to the City Council.

2. Sketch Plan – Falk/Saltire Property

Dean Lotter with Pulte Homes reviewed the development concept that would develop approximately 320 homes in the southeast portion of the community. Park location identified and trail connections were reviewed as identified in the sketch plan and comments of the board were sought. The board provided comments about trail and access connectivity through the south boundary, desiring to see more quality tree canopy preserved, and for a smaller play space to be considered at the norther end of the site.

Staff Updates

Mike Mawdsley provided an update on park maintenance activities that have and are occurring throughout the system.

Adjournment

Hegeholz motion to adjourn. Adamini second. All in favor. Adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Fineran', with a stylized, cursive script.

Shane Fineran
City Administrator