

WACONIA PARK BOARD MEETING AGENDA



**Thursday, August 20, 2026
6:30 PM**

VISION STATEMENT

A thriving, connected community with deep roots: a great place to live for a lifetime.

MISSION STATEMENT

A city that leads, serves, and governs to enhance the quality of life for all community members.

**CHAIR: LUCAS REINERS
MEMBER: BEN STRASHEIM
MEMBER: ELIZABETH DEMEYERE
MEMBER: LEAH SOLTIS
MEMBER: TAMI PETERSON
ALTERNATE: DAN O'BRIEN**

**NOTE: TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE PRESENT FOR ITEMS OF INTEREST,
PLEASE BE PRESENT AT 6:30 P.M.**

Those with items on the agenda should reach out to their staff contact. Others who wish to participate in the meeting, please contact the City Administrator, Shane Fineran, at 952-442-3100 or sfineran@waconiamn.gov to make certain that you are called upon during the meeting.

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1) Approve May 21, 2026 Park Board Meeting Minutes**
- 4. REGULAR BUSINESS**
 - 1) Sudheimer Park Update**

In the past month, the City has received exceptional news related to the grant applications submitted on behalf of the Sudheimer Park project. In early July we were notified that our grant application for the Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant was awarded in the amount of \$343,000. This grant program has a local match requirement, for a total investment of \$686,000. In early August we were notified that our grant application to the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) was conditionally recommended for approval for \$983,000. This

recommendation will go to the state legislature during the 2027 session for final consideration. There is no match requirement for the LCCMR funds, and we are waiting on verification if LCCMR funds can be counted as local match funds.

The DNR grant funds will become available once a grant agreement has been executed between the state and city and funds must be expended by June 30th, 2028. To date, the city has not received a grant agreement from the DNR. LCCMR funds will be made available following approval by the legislature and signed by the governor, so at anytime during the legislative session. In any scenario, the outside funding will allow us to accelerate the development timeline and project scope. Once a grant agreement is in place, design work will commence as project costs can start being applied to the grant funds.

The Sudheimer Park Master plan was developed in 2024 by the park board to develop 35+ acres of park land south of Industrial Blvd. The park plan featured paved, chipped, and natural trail routes, boardwalks, picnic areas, fitness nodes, educational/interpretive engagement areas, a natural play area, signage, benches, etc. Grant applications had to focus on park development within municipally owned land, so a few of the short trail segments across the private property, which easements are in place, of the Otto apartment building will be at local expense.

Once underway, a full design review and touchpoints will be made by the Park Board. Staff have also connected with the Waconia High School Conservation Club about their participation in the design and build phase. They are excited to assist with content creation related to the educational/interactive elements as well as some of the potential needs related to build-out where it makes sense.

5. STAFF PARK ITEMS UPDATE

6. BOARD UPDATES & QUESTIONS

7. ADJOURN

UPCOMING MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2026