

VISION STATEMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

CHAIR: LACEY SHAW
MEMBER: ADAM HEGEHOLZ
MEMBER: THOMAS ADAMINI
MEMBER: LEAH SOLTIS
MEMBER: BEN STRASHEIM
ALTERNATE: TAMI PETERSON

Upcoming Meetings July 18th at 6:30 p.m.



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Meeting Date:		June 20, 2024					
Item Name:		Approve May 16th Park Board Meeting Minutes					
Originating Department:		Administration					
Presented by:		Shane Fineran					
Previous Council Action (if any):							
Item Type (X only one):	Consent	☒	X	Regular Session	☐	Discussion Session	☐
RECOMMENDATIONS/COUNCIL ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED (Include motion in proper format.)							
Motion to approve meeting minutes of May 16th, 2024.							
EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM (Include a description of background, benefits, and recommendations.)							
Attachments: 1. 5.16.24 Park Board Minutes.docx							
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Funding Sources & Uses:			ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:				
Budget Information: _____ Budgeted _____ Non Budgeted _____ Amendment Required			Planning Commission				
			Parks and Recreation Board				
			Safari Island Advisory Board				
			Other				

**CITY OF WACONIA
MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
May 16th, 2024**

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 6:32 p.m. by Shaw.

Park Board Members Present: Lacey Shaw, Adam Hegeholz, Leah Soltis, Tom Adamini, Tami Peterson.

Park Board Members Absent: Ben Strasheim

Council Liaison: Nick Gleason

Staff Present: Shane Fineran, Jonathan Nelson, Mike Mawdsley

Guests: None

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2024 Meeting

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

Regular Business

1. Sudheimer Park Design Concepts

Jonathan Nelson with Bolton & Menk reviewed three different design concepts feature various elements of park development for this area. Elements included paved, gravel, and natural trail locations and loops, boardwalks, interactive areas, and connections.

Park Board members provided input on the various elements and alignments that they favored. Mr. Nelson would produce high level costing and phasing recommendations based on the feedback of the concepts to be implemented into the Capital Investment Plan.

Staff Updates

Mike Mawdsley provided update to the board regarding various park and trail maintenance activities in the community. This was mostly mowing and turf maintenance at this point of the season. Seasonal staff will largely join by early June.

Adjournment

Adamini motion to adjourn. Hegeholz second. All in favor. Adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Shane Fineran
City Administrator



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Meeting Date: June 20, 2024

Item Name: Cedar Point Park Pickleball Facility

Originating Department: Administration

Presented by: Shane Fineran

Previous Council Action (if any):

Item Type (X only one):	Consent		Regular Session	X	Discussion Session	
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RECOMMENDATIONS/COUNCIL ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED (Include motion in proper format.)

Recommendation to the City Council on conversion of court facility to pickleball only facility and other policy/management items.

EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM (Include a description of background, benefits, and recommendations.)

At the June 3rd City Council meeting Mr. John Douville and Mr. Darel Radde, representing a group of pickleball enthusiasts known as the Waconia Pickleball Association, presented to the City Council a request to re-surface the dual purpose tennis/pickleball courts at Cedar Point Park into a dedicated 6 court pickleball facility. Following the presentation and some public comment from those in support and those in opposition, the City Council referred this matter to the Park Board for consideration and review.

Mr. Darel Radde approached staff earlier this year requesting the city to re-surface and re-tripe the courts located at Cedar Point Park to accommodate up to six pickleball courts. Currently the courts are striped for two tennis courts and two pickleball courts. Staff researched this request and received a quote to complete the work for \$17,175. The 2024 operating budget did not have adequate resources available to complete this work in 2024, which was shared with Mr. Radde.

The group requested to appear before the City Council to discuss the possibility of the the work being completed in 2024 by the city with the promise of Mr. Radde and other area pickleball players paying the city back for some or all of the costs of re-surfacing and re-striping the court surfacing. At the time of the City Council meeting, the group stated that they had raised approximately \$13,000 for the conversion. The request made at the meeting also is for the tennis striping to be completely removed from the court surface and change the use to pickleball only facility at this location, with nets provided by the group and donation effort to be kept locked and available to the group that has donated funds. During the presentation the group also requested that the courts be managed by the association for association play, clinics, leagues, etc.

Based up on the information gathered and concerns raised at the meeting these are the relevant items that the Park Board should consider when making the recommendation.

1. Currently the court facility contains two courts striped for tennis and pickleball, sharing the same net and orientation orientation of play. It should be noted that regulation nets for the two sports do differ slightly. The existing net systems are more appropriately suited for tennis play. The community has come to expect that tennis is available at this facility. If the court facility does change to a pickleball facility it is recommended by staff that permanent net systems be installed so that courts are available to the general public.

2. Parking at this park is limited. There is a surface lot located off of Cedar Street which contains 10 spaces, one of which is ADA accessible. There are a multiple amenities in the park which include the courts, basketball court, fishing pier, kayak & canoe storage, as well as home base for Never Bored Adventures, a paddle craft outfitter that operates out of the park. Cedar Street has limited on street parking availability, with one side listed as no parking. Additional public parking would be available on Lake Street. With up to 6 courts available, a minimum of 12 players could be accommodated with a maximum of 24.

3. As the Park Board has discussed previously, the play of pickleball can create abundant noise. Proximity to adjacent residential areas is often discouraged and there are numerous news stories available that report similarly sized and/or larger facilities have been at odds with the peace and quite often demanded by residential property owners. The court system currently sits lower on the hill within the park, with significant grade to the south and west, possibly offering some buffer. A change in elevation of approximately 22 feet exists between the court system and Lake street, with the closest residential properties on Lake Street within approximately 100' and 12' of grade change of the courts. There are no structures to the west and north of the courts and the residential structures to the east within approximately 275' on Cedar Street.

4. The association has requested that they be allowed to manage the courts. In this scenario there would be dedicated time for association play, instruction, and clinics. Currently anyone can reserve a court for \$15 per hour at this facility.

Attachments:

1. [Cedar Point Park Location Map](#)
2. [Cedar Point Park Elevation and Measurement Graphic.pdf](#)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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Budget Information:

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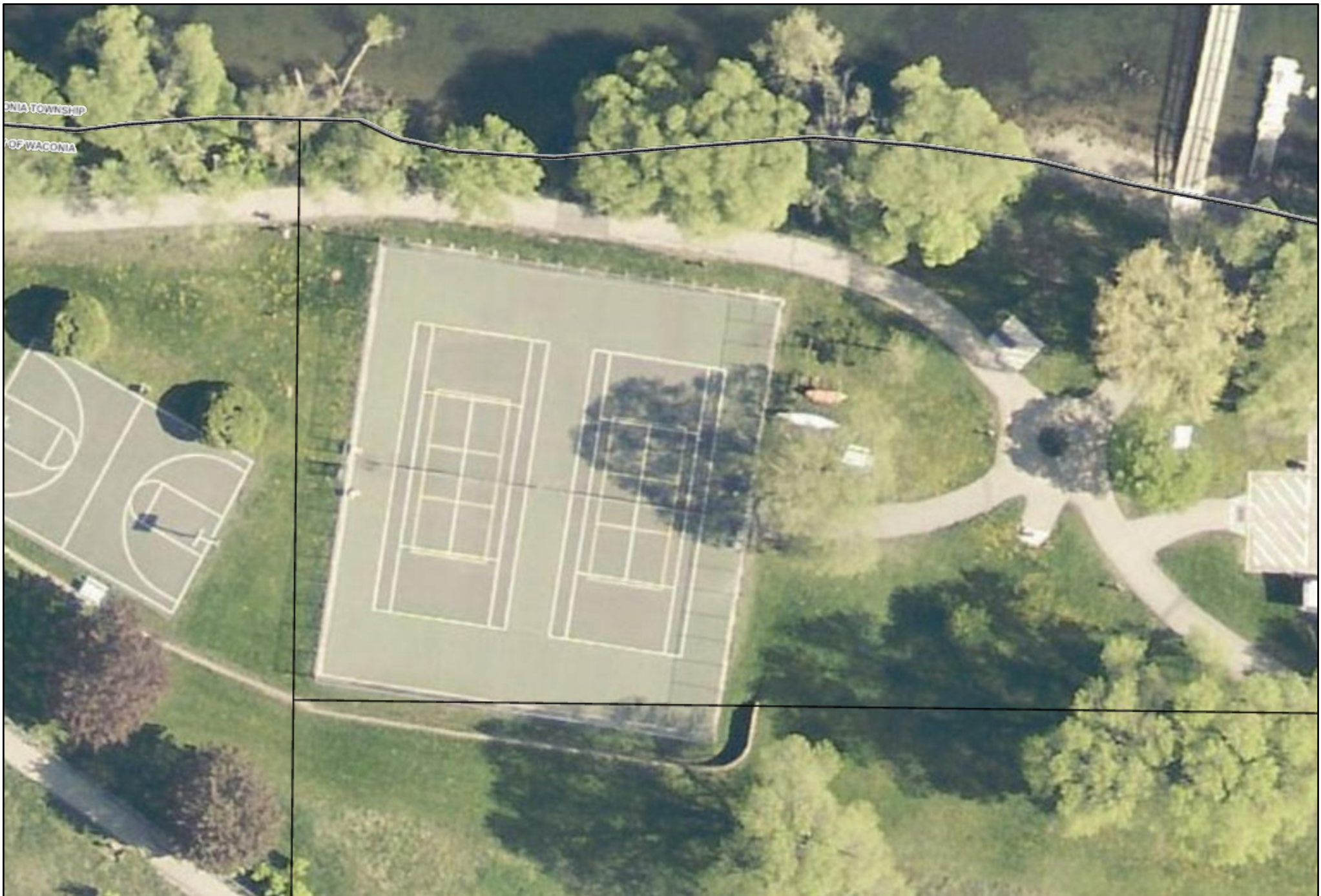
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