

**CITY OF WACONIA
MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
May 18, 2023**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Regular Meeting of the Waconia Parks & Recreation Board 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, Andrew Anauo

Park Board Members Absent: None

Council Liaison: Randy Sorensen

Staff Present: Shane Fineran, Craig Eldred, Mike Mawdsley

Guests: Amanda Hans

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2023 Meeting

Adamini made a motion to approve the February 16, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Anauo. All in favor.

Approval of Windmill Creek Park Design

Craig Eldred, Public Services Director provided information collected related to two concepts for playground equipment replacement at the Windmill Creek Park. The two concepts were earlier reviewed by the Park Board and recommended for public input. On May 8th staff held an open house at the park and notified the neighborhood. The public input received favored the 2nd option of equipment proposed. There was a number of comments related to the removal of the sandbox and digger features as this is a popular area for cats and other animals utilizing it as a bathroom. Resident Amanda Hans addressed the board supporting the removal of the sandbox and digger area and provided information to the board from the MDH and a veterinarian regarding contaminated soils from animal excrement.

Hegeholz motioned, and Adamini seconded a recommendation to approve Option 2 for the playground equipment, omitting the sandbox, and favoring an additional shade element if the budget allows. All present voted aye.

Capital Project Updates

Staff provided an update on items reviewed by the Capital Investment Committee of the City Council related to park facilities and development. The items and priorities of the board had been added to the plan which include pickleball, field enhancements at Brook Peterson. It was also discussed with the committee the priorities of the board that pickleball, field enhancements, and Sudheimer Park development were the priorities. Discussion was had regarding the cash flow and investment challenges related to park development as well, some strategies discussed with the committee related to fundraising and phasing of improvements. An update on the park dedication fee ordinance amendment was also provided. It was suggested by the board that they would like to meet in a work session format to further discuss priorities, timing, scope of park facility projects, and operating costs and revenues related to a multi-use building at Waterford Park.

Staff Updates

Mike Mawdsley was introduced as the new Park Maintenance Supervisor and provided an update on maintenance activities.

Adjournment

Hegeholz motion to adjourn. Anauo second. All in favor. Adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Shane Fineran
City Administrator