

CITY OF WACONIA
MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
April 21, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Regular Meeting of the Waconia Parks & Recreation Board was called to order at 6:51 p.m. following the tree planting at Bent Creek Park by Shaw.

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

Park Board Members Absent: Andrew Anauo

Council Liaison: Carl Pierson

Staff Present: Shane Fineran

Guests: None

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2022, Meeting

Hegeholz made a motion to approve the January 20, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Adamini. All in favor.

Brook Peterson Park Improvements

City Administrator Shane Fineran presented the request of representatives of the Waconia Youth Baseball to consider significant improvements at fields 5-8 at Brook Peterson Park. The requested improvements include fencing updates, shaded seating, dugouts and shades, turf infield and irrigation, electronic score boards, field lighting, fence guard and foul poles, interfiled trail, and landscaping. The estimated costs for these improvements are \$1,616,200.00. Staff also presented similar upgrades that could be had at fields 1-4 at an estimated cost of \$1,129,800. The board discussed the multi-purpose function of these fields and the baseball only configuration desired for fields 5-8.

Adamini would like to see commitment and participation by the youth association sharing of the expenses and understands the benefits of the improvements in bringing tournaments to the community. Admini also asked if the Council had considered a park bond referendum to fund large improvements in the park system. Hegeholz would support improvements being added to the CIP but would support baseball only use if all available time were needed. Shaw supports the improvements added to the CIP and has received input from members of the public that improvements are needed. Shaw also supports singular use only if all available time is utilized.

Soltis would like to know the types of facilities are in place at other communities our size and felt that comparing our facilities to larger communities was not realistic. Soltis also wants to understand what the goals are of users' post-improvement. Strasheim suggested that improvements other than lighting be prioritized since that was a significant percentage of the overall cost.

Sudheimer Park Fill Proposal

City Administrator Shane Fineran presented a request from Oppidan to utilize excess dirt from their adjacent site to be developed into apartments on a portion of the Sudheimer Park parcel. Staff reviewed development concepts including parking and access to be provided for the park on the apartment parcel, future develop concepts of the park, and topography in the area. Staff felt that the proposed fill and grading plan were of benefit to the park space and future development. The board discussed how signage and adding additional parking in the park necessary.

Hegeholz made a motion to recommend the fill and grading proposal for Sudheimer Park, seconded by Adamini. All in favor.

Staff Updates

Fineran provided a tentative construction schedule of the inclusive playground targeting equipment install in July.

Adjournment

Adamini motion to adjourn. Soltis second. All in favor. Adjourn at 7:38p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Shane Fineran
City Administrator