

**CITY OF WACONIA
MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
January 16, 2025**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Regular Meeting of the Waconia Parks & Recreation Board in the City Council Chambers was called to order at 6:28 p.m. by Shaw.

Park Board Members Present: Lacey Shaw, Ben Strasheim, Tom Adamini, Tami Peterson, Lucas Reiners.

Park Board Members Absent: Leah Soltis

Council Liaison: Derek Siddons

Staff Present: Shane Fineran, Mike Mawdsley

Guests: Troy Williams

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2024 Meeting

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

Regular Business

1. Board Chair & Vice Chair for 2025

Adamini motioned to nominate Shaw as chair for 2025, seconded by Peterson. All in favor.

Shaw motioned to nominate Adamini as vice-chair for 2025, seconded by Peterson. All in favor.

2. Island View Estates Park Development

In 2026, the Capital Investment Plan has identified the development of park space located in the Island Estates neighborhood with a budget of \$250,000. This park space is located at 161 Maple Terrace and is approximately .42 acres in size. This park space was initially dedicated to the city for park purposes as part of the development and helped meet park dedication requirements of the development. This was in addition to the dedication and development of wooded outlot on the west and south side of the neighborhood that was preserved for natural open space and trail connectivity.

The park lot is served adjacent to street via sidewalk access that connects the entire neighborhood as well as has a trail terminating in the northwest corner of the park adjacent to Island View Road. The park lot is relatively level.

Administrator Fineran discussed the preference of the board in the process related to park amenitie development, public input process, etc. The board consensus was that public input is desired. Troy Williams spoke to the board about the nice space that this is, the great sunsets had at the park, and the opportunity that this would be the neighborhood.

The board settled around sending an informal survey to residents ranking their most desired park elements to inform 2-3 concepts to be developed and then presented to the neighborhood as the path forward and public involvement in this process.

Staff Updates

Mike Mawdsley, Park Maintenance Supervisor provided an updated to the enhanced efforts this season to the outdoor recreational skating area at Brook Peterson Park, snow removal operations, and tree trimming progress.

Board Updates

None

Adjournment

Adamini motion to adjourn. Peterson second. All in favor. Adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane Fineran". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Shane Fineran
City Administrator