

**CITY OF WACONIA
MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
February 20th, 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 Adamini.

Park Board Members Present: Ben Strasheim, Tom Adamini, Tami Peterson, Lucas Reiners, Leah Soltis

Park Board Members Absent: Lacey Shaw

Council Liaison: None

Staff Present: Shane Fineran, Mike Mawdsley

Guests: Tim Litfin, Ryan Palmby

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from January 16th, 2025 Meeting

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

Regular Business

1. Sketch Plan – Elm Creek Ridge

The Park Board received a presentation by Ryan Palmby with Magellan Development for a sketch plan which includes the eastern 23 acres of PID# 090261211), which is currently located within Waconia Township. The property is included in the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan as a developable mix of low density and medium density residential. The subject area is located within Transition Area 2, which assumes development between 2020 and 2030.

The sketch plan includes medium density residential directly south of the Waterford neighborhood and bounded by Elm Creek Road to the south. The sketch plan does not include any developed park land and the cash in lieu valuation would be \$153,010.00. The Park Board recommendation of park land dedication is requested.

The board discussed the proximity of this neighborhood to other park land areas within Waterford to the north and Woodland Creek to the east across Highway 284. With existing or future park and playground within close proximity the park board consensus was that cash in lieu of park land dedication would be sufficient.

Adamini motioned to recommend cash in lieu of fee be collected, Peterson seconded. All in favor.

Staff Updates

Administrator provided update to the equipment order and installation schedule for Windmill Creek playground for May or June. Lack of snow has provided opportunity for tree work within parks and trail corridors.

Board Updates

None

Adjournment

Adamini motion to adjourn. Peterson second. All in favor. Adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane Fineran". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "F".

Shane Fineran
City Administrator