

WACONIA PARK BOARD MEETING AGENDA



Thursday, April 17, 2025
6:30 PM

VISION STATEMENT

A thriving, connected community with deep roots: a great place to live for a lifetime.

MISSION STATEMENT

A city that leads, serves, and governs to enhance the quality of life for all community members.

CHAIR: LACEY SHAW
MEMBER: THOMAS ADAMINI
MEMBER: LEAH SOLTIS
MEMBER: BEN STRASHEIM
MEMBER: TAMI PETERSON
ALTERNATE: LUCAS REINERS

**NOTE: TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE PRESENT FOR ITEMS OF INTEREST,
PLEASE BE PRESENT AT 6:30 P.M.**

Those with items on the agenda should reach out to their staff contact. Others who wish to participate in the meeting, please contact the City Administrator at 952-442-3100 or sfineran@waconiamn.gov to make certain that you are called upon during the meeting.

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1) Approve March 20, 2025, Park Board Minutes**
- 4. REGULAR BUSINESS**
 - 1) Annual Tree Planting & Trail Clean-Up**
- 5. STAFF PARK ITEMS UPDATE**
- 6. BOARD UPDATES & QUESTIONS**
- 7. ADJOURN**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

[MEET_FOOT]



REQUEST FOR PARK BOARD ACTION

Meeting Date: April 17, 2025	
Item Name: Approve March 20, 2025, Park Board Minutes	
Originating Dept: Administration	
Presented By: Shane Fineran	
Previous Council Action: None	
Item Type:	Consent
RECOMMENDATIONS/COUNCIL ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED: Approve March 20, 2025, Park Board Minutes	
EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM: Approve the March 20, 2025, Park Board Minutes	
ATTACHMENTS: 1. 03-20-2025 Park Board Minutes	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:
Funding Sources & Uses:	Planning Commission:
Budget Information:	Park Board:
_____ Budgeted	Personnel Committee:
_____ Non-Budgeted	Other: More sample text.
_____ Amendment Required	

CITY OF WACONIA
MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
March 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 6:31 p.m. by Shaw.

Park Board Members Present: Lacey Shaw, Ben Strasheim, Tami Peterson, Lucas Reiners, Leah Soltis

Park Board Members Absent: Tom Adamini

Council Liaison: None

Staff Present: Shane Fineran

Guests: Carrie Van Overbeke, Paul Van Overbeke, Shauna Olson, Christine Marten, David Hart

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from January 16th, 2025 Meeting

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

Regular Business

1. Island View Park Amenity Survey Results

A post card with a link bringing respondents to an online survey was sent to residents in the Island View Estates neighborhood to gather feedback on preferred amenities for the neighborhood park in this area. The survey was open until March 20th and current results were provided at the meeting. The Park Board will discuss preferred amenities for incorporation into a buildout plan for budgeting purposes in 2026.

Due to limited funds, not everything on the list can be completed at once. The survey results indicate that basketball courts are the top priority, followed by swings, an all-ages play structure, and landscaping/plants. While pickleball courts, a splash pad, and a pool were suggested, the available space will not accommodate these requests.

Tami Peterson inquired about the possibility of combining all the courts into one multipurpose court, asking if grading would allow for it and if a flat surface could be created. She also wondered if the budget would support this idea. Additionally, she asked about the distance between the little play area and the swings. It was noted that the play area and swings would be located fairly close together, with no significant separation.

Lacey would like to see the basketball court with some play structures.

Ben liked basketball court and play structure

Lucas inquired if any other parks have a multicourt setup and how a net might work. He suggested the possibility of a retractable net to allow for a variety of activities on the court. He

also proposed having a small structure with a slide for younger children, a separate structure for older kids, and some green space. Additionally, he expressed interest in including a small shade structure.

There was a suggestion to leave some open space for kids to run or play yard games that could be brought in, with the possibility of adding more features down the road. However, since the space is fairly small, the board needs to decide on the combination of features they want to include and then assess if there's enough room to accommodate them.

David Hart, a resident living next to the lot, expressed concerns that grading might cause water to run onto his yard, hoping that the project will address this issue. He also inquired about the basketball court, assuming it will be a half court, and it was confirmed that it is very likely to be a half court.

Paul Van Oberbeke, who lives across from the park, expressed support for all of Tami's ideas. He would like to see either a tennis court or a multicourt, as well as a square pad where people can use the court for various activities. Additionally, he suggested including something for older individuals, beyond just a play structure.

Shane mentioned that the concept might involve a multi-use court gathering space with a small play structure. He plans to explore the idea further, create 3-4 options, and bring them back to the board for review.

Staff Updates

Shane provided an update on behalf of Mike Mawdsley, stating that the tennis nets are up, and work is underway for tree trimming and ash tree removals on several streets. Seasonal hire interviews have been conducted, with many staff members returning from last year. Mike also informed the park board about a request to plant a tree for Arbor Day at Hilks Lake Park, with no concerns raised from the board. The April park board meeting will focus on tree planting and trail cleanup

Board Updates

None

Adjournment

Reiners motion to adjourn. Peterson second. All in favor. Adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brenda Jurek
City of Waconia



REQUEST FOR PARK BOARD ACTION

Meeting Date: April 17, 2025	
Item Name: Annual Tree Planting & Trail Clean-Up	
Originating Dept: Administration	
Presented By: Shane Fineran	
Previous Council Action:	
Item Type:	Regular Session
RECOMMENDATIONS/COUNCIL ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED:	
EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM:	
<p>The Park Board will participate in the annual tree planting in recognition of Arbor Day and our status as a tree city. The tree planting will occur at Hilks Lake Park at 5:30 p.m. Those wishing to assist and join in the celebration can access the park via trail connection from Woodlawn Circle and Park Point Drive.</p> <p>The public is also invited to assist in the annual trail clean-up along the Dakota Rail Trail immediately following the tree planting. The board and staff will convene at the Dakota Rail Trail parking area in Mayer, Minnesota at the intersection of State Highway 25 and County Road 30.</p>	
ATTACHMENTS:	
None	
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