

## WACONIA PARK BOARD MEETING AGENDA



Thursday, November 20, 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

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**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, Shane Fineran, at 952-442-3100 or [sfineran@waconiamn.gov](mailto: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 September 18, 2025 Park Board Meeting Minutes**
- 4. REGULAR BUSINESS**
  - 1) Lions Field Perimeter Expansion Request**
- 5. STAFF PARK ITEMS UPDATE**
- 6. BOARD UPDATES & QUESTIONS**
- 7. ADJOURN**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**



**REQUEST FOR PARK BOARD ACTION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> November 20, 2025	
<b>Item Name:</b> 3.1. Approve September 18, 2025 Park Board Meeting Minutes	
<b>Originating Dept:</b>	
<b>Presented By:</b>	
<b>Previous Council Action:</b>	
<b>Item Type:</b>	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS/COUNCIL ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED:</b>	
<b>EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM:</b>	
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> 1. Park Board Minutes 9-18-25	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:</b>	<b>ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
Funding Sources & Uses:	Planning Commission:
Budget Information:	Park Board:
_____ Budgeted	Personnel Committee:
_____ Non-Budgeted	Other:
_____ Amendment Required	

**CITY OF WACONIA  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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 6:30 p.m. by Shaw.  
**Park Board Members Present:** Lacey Shaw, Lucas Reiners, Leah Soltis, Tom Adamini  
**Park Board Members Absent:** Tami Peterson and Ben Strasheim  
**Council Liaison:** None  
**Staff Present:** Shane Fineran  
**Guests:** None

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to Approve made by Park Board Member Adamini, seconded by Park Board Member Soltis.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to Approve made by Park Board Member Adamini, seconded by Park Board Member Reiners.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**1) Approve the August 21, 2025, Park Board Meeting Minutes**

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**1) 2026 Capital Improvements - Island View Estates Park & Pinehill Park**

**Park Project Update – Pine Hill & Island View Estates**

Shane reported that after reviewing the budgets and options, funds from Pine Hill can be reallocated to Island View Estates to help both parks meet the board's goals.

- Pine Hill Park will have a budget of \$112,000, which will include:
  - Shade structure
  - Swing bank
  - Basketball court
  - 2–5 year-old children's play structure (the same age group currently served)

Since there are several nearby parks with trails leading to them, the board discussed whether Pine Hill's setup best fits the neighborhood's age group.

- Island View Estates Park will have a budget of \$340,000, allowing for more amenities that serve a wider range of age groups.

With these adjustments, both parks can be fully completed within budget.

The board is in agreement with this plan.

Shane gathered feedback on Pine Hill Park and the members of the board were all in agreement to move forward.

They will host an open house with Island View Estates homeowners on October 13, 2025, from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

## 5. STAFF PARK ITEMS UPDATE

### Public Services Update

Mike reported on recent projects completed last week in preparation for Nickle Dickle Day and other community improvements:

- Cleaned up native grasses around town.
- Donated 100 trees to the Waconia High School Conservation Club for planting.
- Worked on repairing the trail along County Road 10 by Highway 284.
- Repaired a broken backstop at Brook Peterson Park.
- Replaced ag lime on the fields at Brook Peterson.

## 6. BOARD UPDATES & QUESTIONS

Shaw shared that she had out-of-town guests visiting over the weekend. One guest commented on how pleasant and welcoming the city staff were while interacting with people, and they thought it was a great reflection of the community.

## 7. ADJOURN

Adjourn 7:00pm

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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Lacey Shaw, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda Jurek, Administrative Specialist



**REQUEST FOR PARK BOARD ACTION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> November 20, 2025	
<b>Item Name:</b> 4.1. Lions Field Perimeter Expansion Request	
<b>Originating Dept:</b> Administration	
<b>Presented By:</b> Shane Fineran	
<b>Previous Council Action:</b>	
<b>Item Type:</b>	Regular Session
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS/COUNCIL ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED:</b>	
<b>EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM:</b>	
<p>The Waconia Baseball Association (WBA) is requesting the support of the City to allow perimeter expansion of the outfield areas of Lions Field at Brook Peterson Park. In the attached letter it is noted that the WBA is seeking this approval to enhance safety, improve access and flow for spectators and players, and add seating and viewing areas around the field.</p> <p>Staff met with WBA representatives this fall to review, on site, the proposed perimeter expansions noted as Item #1 along the third baseline and 1st baseline. In a review of underground utilities, no below-ground utilities such as water, sewer, or stormwater were noted that would be impacted by an expansion of the boundary fence. It should be noted that along the 3rd baseline, this area does appear to convey surface water to storm water infrastructure to the east. Any perimeter fence expansion in this area should maintain this surface drainage pattern and not impede the overland flow of surface water.</p> <p>Additionally, it is noted that the WBA is seeking possible cost-sharing for this and the other noted projects. Currently, the Park CIP does not have this project noted as a preferred project.</p> <p>Staff is seeking discussion and/or a recommendation to support the Item #1 expansion to the City Council.</p>	
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	
1. 2025 Lions Field Perimeter Project	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:</b>	<b>ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
Funding Sources & Uses:	Planning Commission:
Budget Information:	Park Board:
_____ Budgeted	Personnel Committee:
<u>X</u> Non-Budgeted	Other:
_____ Amendment Required	

**October 13, 2025**

**City of Waconia**  
201 South Vine Street  
Waconia, MN 55387



**Subject:** Request for Support – Waconia Lions Field Perimeter Expansion Project

Dear City of Waconia Leadership,

On behalf of the Waconia Baseball Association, I am writing to request the City’s partnership and support for a proposed expansion of the perimeter at Lions Field. As one of the community’s most visible and utilized multipurpose venues, Lions Field continues to serve as a centerpiece for youth, high school, American Legion, and Minnesota Amateur baseball, while also drawing regional tournaments and events that benefit local businesses and showcase Waconia as a premier baseball destination.

The attached image outlines the proposed perimeter expansion areas (#1, #2, and #3). These improvements would provide the following benefits:

- **Enhanced Safety:** Expanded boundaries around the dugouts and bullpens would increase player and spectator safety.
- **Improved Access and Flow:** The widened perimeter allows for more efficient movement of spectators, players, coaches, and staff.
- **Event Flexibility:** Added space will accommodate future upgrades, additional seating, and improved viewing areas for families and fans.
- **Community Investment:** The enhancements support ongoing efforts to maintain Lions Field as a first-class facility that reflects Waconia’s community pride.

We are seeking the City’s input and assistance in planning, permitting, and possible cost-sharing for this project. The Waconia Baseball Association stands ready to collaborate on next steps, including design refinement, cost estimates, and scheduling. The primary focus is on expanding the fence in the #1 area. #2 and #3 are future projects for future consideration.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of Waconia’s baseball community. Lions Field has become a regional model of what can be achieved through collaboration, and we look forward to continuing that momentum together.

Sincerely,

**Chris Ohm**  
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