

A G E N D A

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board to be held on **Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Park Board Members: Terry Connor, Chairman
Christopher Davis, Vice Chairman
Justin Burns
Marques Cameron
Anne Marie Knauf
Joe Tolbert

1. Call to Order
2. **Public Comments:** Persons may address the Park Board on any issues. This is the appropriate time for citizens to address the Board on any concern whether on this agenda or not. In accordance with the State of Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board may not comment or deliberate such statements during this period, except as authorized by Section 551.042, Texas Government Code.
3. Consider approval of minutes of the Park Board meetings of January 9, 2025 and January 13, 2025
4. Hear update on park activities and events
5. Hear update on park projects
6. Hear update on Parks Department
7. Discuss and review 5-Year Capital Improvements Projects (CIP)
8. Hear MTB Trail Proposal and consider a recommendation to proceed
9. Discuss and consider date for upcoming park tour
10. Adjourn

The Park Board reserves the right to go into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from legal counsel on any agenda item listed herein. This meeting location is wheelchair-accessible. Parking for mobility-impaired persons is available. Any request for sign interpretive services must be made forty-eight hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements, call the City Secretary at 469-309-4006 or (TDD) 1-800-RELAY TX

Notice of Potential Quorum
One or more members of the Waxahachie City Council may be present at this meeting.
No action will be taken by the City Council at this meeting.

Park Board
January 9, 2025

(3)

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board to be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

The meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Terry Connor
Marques Cameron
Christopher Davis
Anne Marie Knauf
Joe Tolbert

Member Absent: Justin Burns

Others Present: Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brad Barnes, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Yadira Campos, Administrative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Kyle Cooper, Senior Director of Parks & Recreation, called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

Amber Villarreal, City Secretary, explained the process for public comments to the board members and to the public.

Dominik Lange resident at 2567 Bell Chapple, Waxahachie TX, 75165 is a member of the Waxahachie Skate Park Initiative and expressed his desire for a skate park in the city, highlighting its benefits and its importance for the community.

Alex Lohmann resident at 801 W Main Street, Waxahachie, TX 75165, member of the Waxahachie State Park Initiative, expressed the importance for a skate park in the city.

3. Reorganize the Board

Action:

Anne Marie Knauf moved to nominate Terry Connor as Chairman. Motion was seconded by Joe Tolbert and carried unanimously (5-0).

Anne Marie Knauf moved to nominate Christopher Davis as Vice Chairman. Motion was seconded by Marques Cameron and carried unanimously (5-0).

4. Consider approval of minutes of the Park Board meetings of September 5, 2024 and November 7, 2024

Action:

Anne Marie Knauf moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meeting of September 5, 2024 and November 7, 2024. Motion was seconded by Christopher Davis and carried unanimously (5-0).

5. Hear update on park activities and events

Mr. Cooper presented the Item. He shared the Parks Department supports various city events, including the Christmas Parade and the upcoming Hachie 50 race. The Parks Department also plans a Spring Break event at Getzendaner Park with activities for families. This year's event will take place on March 12th.

6. Hear update on park projects

Mr. Cooper presented the Item. He gave an update on the following projects:

- Getzendaner Park Resurfacing Project – The covered playground at Getzendaner Park was resurfaced with turf. It used to have pea gravel but now it has state of the art turf grass that will meet safety standards. He also shared the turf has a 15 year warranty.
- M&M Playground Project – The M&M playground will be replaced with new material. The maze will be rebuilt, but it will keep the same footprint.
- North Grove Park – North Gove drawings are 60% done. Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks & Leisure Services, shared a committee was formed with former Park Board members to develop a concept with input. The aim is to ensure inclusivity in decision-making.
- Mustang Creek Park: Park improvements include a concrete trail around the pond, fishing nodes, and improved parking.
- Lee Penn Pool Cameras – Cameras are planned to be installed at the pool. The pool was reopened last year with great success, averaging over 200 swimmers daily.
- Parks Master Plan Update – The current 2007 Master Plan is outdated. The City Council will discuss an update to the Plan at a Work Session in February to determine future direction and updates.

Ms. Knauf asked if the City will be maintaining the YMCA enhancement project if there is a park. Mr. Martinez shared that the YMCA enhancement project may have a public park component to it but not the Parks. Mr. Cooper also shared it would be similar to an HOA park.

Patrick Souter, Council Member, asked staff to share the number of parks within the city for the new members of the Board. Mr. Cooper noted the City maintains 22 parks and nearly 300 acres, with plans to open new areas such as a nature trail adjacent to Lions Park.

7. Hear update on Lions Park Master Plan and consider recommendation to proceed

Mr. Cooper presented the Item. He asked the Board to consider staff recommendation to proceed with the Lions Park Master Plan. If approved by the Park Board, staff will present the Plan to the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation. He shared the project is estimated around \$10 million, with a phased approach recommended. Phase 1 focuses on practice fields and costs nearly \$3.5 million. Mr. Cooper also shared there is a cost difference between phased and single-phase approaches for this project, considering inflation and market factors. The phased approach is \$600,000 more expensive. The timeline for Phase 1 includes 3-6 months for design and another 6 months for construction. Temporary solutions are in place to meet current demand at Lions Park. A \$500,000 budget option (Phase 1A) was also discussed.

Action:

Anne Marie Knauf moved to approve a recommendation to proceed with the Lions Park Master Plan. Motion was seconded by Marques Cameron and carried unanimously (5-0).

8. Adjourn

Mr. Davis inquired about the possibility of organizing a field day where staff can showcase all the parks to the new Board members. Mr. Cooper responded that he will coordinate with staff to explore potential dates and consult with the City Secretary to confirm whether this would be permissible.

Mr. Souter asked staff to look into adding a Skate Park agenda item for the next meeting so that the Waxahachie Skate Park initiation group can share their Power Point with the Board.

Mr. Martinez recommend the Park Board meet once a month and the Board agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yadira Campos
Administrative Coordinator