

A G E N D A

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board to be held on ***Thursday, September 4, 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
	Anne Marie Kornman
	Dani Cagle
	Brad Burns

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 meeting of July 17, 2025
4. Hear presentation from SPA Skateparks
5. Discuss Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan
6. Hear update on Lake Park
7. Hear update on park activities and events
8. Hear update on park projects
9. 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
July 17, 2025

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Members Present: Terry Connor, Chairman
Christopher Davis, Vice Chairman
Justin Burns
Anne Marie Kornman
Dani Cagle
Brad Burns

Others Present: Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Recreation
Travis Smith, City Council Representative
Morgan Massey, Administrative Coordinator
Joelle Robeson, Parks & Recreation Staff

1. Call to Order

Chairman Terry Connor called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Public Comments

Dominik Lange, 2567 Bells Chapel, Waxahachie Texas, expressed his gratitude to the Park Board Members, Parks and Recreation Staff, and City Council for the opportunity to speak at the most recent City Council meeting regarding the Skate Park Initiative.

3. Consider approval of minutes of the Park Board meeting of June 5, 2025

Parks and Recreation Director Kyle Cooper noted that Item #7 of the June 5, 2025 meeting minutes contained an error regarding the estimated cost of the proposed skate park. The originally stated estimate of approximately \$9 million was incorrect. It was requested and agreed that the estimate be revised to reflect the correct amount of approximately \$2 million.

Action:

Christopher Davis moved to approve the amended minutes of the Park Board meeting of June 5, 2025. Motion was seconded by Anne Marie Kornman and carried unanimously (6-0).

4. Hear Little Libraries presentation and take any necessary action

Gabrielle Tranel, owner of Paper Leaves Bookstore, gave a presentation on the "Free Little Libraries" initiative. She highlighted the community benefits of the program, noting that the libraries help reduce financial, language, and personal barriers to reading. She stated that the program has secured funding to implement and maintain the libraries for the next three years, with a long-term goal of sustaining the initiative well beyond that period.

She clarified that they are not requesting City resources for maintenance—only permission to place the libraries on public property. The proposed locations include:

- Lee Penn Park

- Getzendaner Park
- Brown Singleton Park
- Waxahachie Sports Complex

The program will provide the Little Libraries and stock them with brand new, free books. Paper Leaves Bookstore has also partnered with Sims Library to supplement the supply of new books. Additionally, each location will be registered through the official free Little Libraries app.

Mr. Cooper shared an update on a previous meeting between Parks Staff and Gabrielle, voicing his support for the initiative.

{Travis Smith arrived at 3:07 p.m.}

Action:

Anne Marie Kornman made a motion to approve the pilot project for the Free Little Libraries. Motion was seconded by Dani Cagle and carried unanimously (6-0).

5. Hear update on park activities and events

Mr. Cooper provided updates on recent and upcoming Parks and Recreation activities and events.

Crape Myrtle Festival (July 3): Attendance reached approximately 8,000, an increase of about 1,000 compared to the previous year, despite rainy weather. Overall, the event was considered a great success.

- Upcoming Events:
 - “Let’s Go Girls” Concert – Scheduled for July 26 at Railyard Park from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - DFW World Baseball Classic – Scheduled for August 1–4. Strong attendance and participation are anticipated again this year.
- General discussion was had about park activities

6. Hear update on park projects

Mr. Cooper provided and update on Park Projects.

- North Grove Park: Final construction documents have been received. Staff is currently working with the Purchasing Department to prepare the bid package.
- Mustang Creek Park Improvements: Construction began the first week of July. Approximately 300 cubic yards of concrete has been poured, completing about 33% of the trail work.
- Lions Park: Survey teams are active on-site, with some trees marked as part of the survey process. The City has received the 60% design submittal and is reviewing it, with particular attention to the lighting plan.
- M&M Playground: Demolition completed and the new playground has been delivered.

7. Hear update on Park Tour dates

Mr. Cooper provided an update on the upcoming Park Tour originally scheduled for July 23, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., and reviewed the planned itinerary. After discussion, a new date of July 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. was proposed, as it better aligned with the personal schedules of the Park Board Members. The revised date was generally agreed upon.

8. Adjourn

The next meeting will be held in September.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Massey
Administrative Coordinator