

A G E N D A

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board to be held on **June 4, 2026** 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: Christopher Davis, Chairman
Justin Burns, Vice Chairman
Anne Marie Kornman
Dani Cagle
Brad Burns
Michael Hawkins

1. Call to Order
2. **Public Comments:** Persons may address the 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. Speakers must observe the three (3) minute time limit.

In order to be recognized during Public Comments, please complete a Public Appearance Card located at the entrance of the meeting room. Please present the card to the City Secretary, or their designee, ten (10) minutes before the start of the business meeting.

3. Consider approval of minutes of the Park Board meeting of May 14, 2026
4. Discuss upcoming events
5. Hear update on Parks, Trails, and Master Plan
6. Set next meeting date and time
7. 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.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

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 ADA Coordinator at (469) 309-4000 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
May 14, 2026

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on May 14, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Christopher Davis, Chairman
Justin Burns, Vice Chairman
Anne Marie Kornman
Brad Burns arrived
Michael Hawkins

Member(s) Absent: Dani Cagle

Others Present: Gumaro Martinez, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brad Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Morgan Davis, Administrative Coordinator
Neil Adcock, Parks Field-Supervisor

1. Call to Order

Chairman Christopher Davis called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Consider approval of minutes of the Park Board meeting of April 2, 2026

Action:

Anne Marie Kornman moved to approve the Park Board meeting minutes of April 2, 2026 as presented. Motion was seconded by Michael Hawkins and carried unanimously (4-0).

4. Consider request from Nauti Buoy Adventures, LLC for Seasonal Vendor Permit at Lake Waxahachie

The Board considered a request for a seasonal vendor permit submitted by Nauti Buoy Adventures, LLC. The applicant was not present at the meeting. Staff and the City's insurance administrator expressed concerns regarding the proposed use of motorized watercraft at the lake. Staff further noted previous incidents involving motorized craft and the existence of an established non-motorized vendor, What's Up Kayaks. Additional discussion included concerns related to Lake Waxahachie serving as a drinking water source and the City's preference to limit additional recreational activities that could impact the lake. Staff recommended denial of the request.

During discussion, the Board indicated openness to the applicant reapplying in the future, potentially for a non-motorized operation. The Board also discussed the possibility of rotating vendors, opening future opportunities through a bid process, and considering implementation of a flat vendor permit fee structure in the future.

Action:

Anne Marie Kornman moved to deny a seasonal vendor permit to operate at Lake Waxahachie for Nauti Buoy Adventures, LLC. Motion was seconded by Justin Burns and carried unanimously (4-0).

5. Review and discuss Penn Park Pool Operations and Policies

The Board discussed pool access and operations for the upcoming season, including concerns regarding large groups such as daycare organizations and the potential for overcrowding impacting resident use of the facility. Staff noted that a system for creating park or pool passes is currently available. Discussion included the possibility of implementing a non-resident fee structure; however, staff advised that such changes would require additional review, adoption of an ordinance, and the purchase of necessary equipment, making implementation more feasible for a future season. As a short-term operational solution, staff proposed adjusting pool hours or scheduling designated times for large groups to help manage capacity concerns. Staff also reported that the pool is prepared for the 17-week season running through September 12, with all lifeguards fully trained, the slide inspection successfully completed, and the facility maintained year-round.

{Board Member Brad Burns arrived during discussion of this item at 3:12 p.m.}

6. Hear update from Subcommittee

The Board received updates regarding the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee and the Master Plan Update Subcommittee. Staff reported that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for development of a new Parks Master Plan was released in April 2026. Consulting firms have been invited to submit qualifications by May 22, 2026, after which a consultant will be selected for the project. Staff noted that development of the new master plan is expected to take approximately nine to twelve months and will involve participation from the Park Board, City Council, and City management. Following consultant selection, joint work sessions and a meeting calendar will be established to guide the planning process. It was also noted that the City's current Parks Master Plan was last updated in 2007.

Following discussion of Agenda Item 6, the Board proceeded directly to Agenda Item 9.

7. Discuss 250th Independence Day events

The Board discussed planning and coordination efforts for upcoming Independence Day activities. Staff reported that the Parks Department is heavily involved in event operations, describing the celebration as an "all hands-on deck" effort. Staff advised that the department will assist with the Crape Myrtle Festival on July 3, which will include a concert, vendors, and a fireworks display. On July 4, Parks staff will also support parade operations through traffic management, participant assistance, and post-event cleanup activities. Board members were invited to participate in the parade, with discussion including the potential use of a float or trailer for participation. Staff further noted that the event is primarily funded through sponsorships and support from Waxahachie Community Development Corporation, minimizing the impact on the Parks Department budget.

8. Hear update on summer holidays at the lake parks

The Board received an update regarding holiday operations and future planning for the lake parks. Staff advised that the lake parks will remain closed during Memorial Day weekend, consistent with prior years, due to overwhelming crowds and strain on park facilities and resources. Staff further noted that closures are also planned for other major summer holidays. The Board was informed that City Council has directed staff to develop a long-term plan aimed at keeping the lake parks open and safe during future holiday weekends. A subcommittee will work in coordination with police, fire, and emergency management personnel to create a comprehensive operational plan. Discussion included potential access control measures. The Board emphasized that effective enforcement measures will be critical to the success of any future operational plan.

9. Hear update on Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Master Plan

Mr. Martinez provided an update regarding the Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Master Plan process. General discussion was held, and staff reiterated information previously discussed under Agenda Item 6 concerning the Request for Qualifications process, consultant selection timeline, and anticipated project schedule. It was noted that the Park Board will be involved in the project kickoff meeting once a consultant has been selected.

Following Agenda Item 9, the Board returned to Agenda Item 7.

10. Set next meeting date and time

The next Park Board meeting will be held June 4, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Davis, Administrative Coordinator