

A G E N D A

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board to be held on **August 6, 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
	Dani Cagle
	Brad Burns
	Michael Hawkins
	Alexx Alexander

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 June 4, 2026 and June 23, 2026
4. Discuss and consider the installation of a historical veteran's marker at Freedmen Memorial Park
5. Discuss upcoming holiday at Boat Dock Park
6. Hear update on Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Master Plan
7. Hear update on parks and trails
8. Hear update on upcoming and past events
9. Set next meeting date and time
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.

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.

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Park Board
June 4, 2026

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board to be held on Thursday, 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.

The meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary

Park Board
June 23, 2026

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on June 23, 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
Alexx Alexander
Brad Burns
Michael Hawkins
Dani Cagle

Others Present: Ricky Boyd, City Manager
Gumaro Martinez, Director of Parks & Recreation
Morgan Davis, Administrative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chairman Christopher Davis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Consider approval of minutes of the Park Board meetings of May 14, 2026 and June 4, 2026

Action:

Michael Hawkins moved to approve the Park Board meeting minutes of May 14th, 2026 as presented. Motion was seconded by Justin Burns and carried unanimously (6-0).

4. Hear update on Lions Park Project

Gumaro Martinez, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented an update regarding the proposed redevelopment of Lions Park. He explained that the original Kimley-Horn Master Plan had been scaled back earlier in the year, after which City Council directed staff to evaluate a new concept centered on artificial turf athletic fields. Staff reviewed the conceptual layout and probable construction costs prepared by the consultant, including alternate options for cooling infill materials and water cannons intended to address heat concerns associated with synthetic turf.

Discussion included the project's funding history, previous engineering and design efforts, and the site's physical constraints, including FEMA floodplain limitations and the proximity of the wastewater treatment plant. Staff explained that these factors significantly influence the placement of fields, parking areas, and other amenities.

Board members discussed the proposed multi-sport field configuration, anticipated operational needs, online reservation systems, staffing requirements, and policies that would be necessary to regulate field use and maintenance.

The Board also discussed the removal of the skate park from the current concept, with staff noting

that opportunities for a future skate park would be evaluated during development of the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan.

Additional discussion compared the long-term costs and operational advantages of artificial turf versus natural grass fields, including maintenance requirements, field availability following rainfall, durability, and tournament potential.

Jim Phillips, President of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation, participated in the discussion regarding potential funding partnerships and future collaboration.

General discussion was also held regarding establishing future policies that prioritize local youth recreational use while balancing league play, tournaments, and field maintenance.

5. Discuss activities and policies at Lee Penn Park Pool

Genard Johnson, Pool Supervisor, provided an overview of pool operations for the current season. Staff reported exceptionally high attendance, resulting in frequent capacity issues, extended entry lines, and several temporary closures due to biological incidents, weather conditions, and routine chemical balancing.

The Board commended pool staff for their performance throughout the season and noted that lifeguard staffing levels continue to exceed minimum safety standards.

Staff presented attendance data indicating that a significant percentage of visitors reside outside the city of Waxahachie. Discussion followed regarding overcrowding caused by large, organized groups, particularly daycare facilities, and the challenges staff face in managing capacity while maintaining a positive experience for residents.

The Board discussed several potential operational changes, including implementing resident-only admission, establishing resident verification procedures, creating designated swim times for daycare organizations and large groups prior to public opening, implementing patron identification procedures, and evaluating future admission fees. Staff advised that implementation of admission fees would require adoption of a City ordinance.

Board members emphasized the importance of establishing clear policies that staff can consistently enforce while maintaining safe operating conditions.

6. Discuss upcoming events

Danielle Guinn, Recreation Manager, provided an overview of upcoming Parks and Recreation programming and special events.

Staff announced the department's first fitness class in Getzendaner Park scheduled for July 18, 2026, along with future programming including a fishing tournament at Boat Dock Park and a glow disc golf event.

Additional discussion included promotion of Lee Penn Park athletic fields, the upcoming Battle of the Bands event on June 27, Fourth of July festivities, and activities planned in recognition of National

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Parks and Recreation Month. Staff also highlighted a partnership with Southern Roots Brewing Company to promote Parks and Recreation Month through a themed community collaboration.

7. Hear update on Parks, Trails, and Master Plan

Mr. Martinez provided an update on the City's new Parks and Recreation website, noting that the Parks and Recreation microsite now contains dedicated pages for each park, trail, and facility. Board members were encouraged to review the website and report any corrections or suggested improvements.

Staff also updated the Board on the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan process. Proposals have been evaluated and finalist interviews will be conducted soon. Staff advised that the selected consultant will guide the City's long-range planning efforts for parks, trails, and open spaces over the next five to twenty years and that Board participation will continue throughout the planning process.

8. Set next meeting date and time

The next Park Board meeting will be held August 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Davis, Administrative Coordinator