

A G E N D A

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board to be held on ***September 3, 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 August 6, 2026
4. Discuss and consider approving the installation of a historical veteran's marker at Freedmen Memorial Park
5. Discuss Park Projects
6. Hear update on Labor Day activities
7. Set next meeting date and time
8. 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
August 6, 2026

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was 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.

Members Present: Christopher Davis, Chairman
Alexx Alexander
Brad Burns
Michael Hawkins
Dani Cagle

Member(s) Absent: Justin Burns, Vice Chairman

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 meeting of June 4, 2026 and June 23, 2026

An amendment was proposed to the June 23, 2026, minutes to change the word “discussed” to “recommended” in the fourth paragraph of Item 5.

Action:

Dani Cagle moved to approve the Park Board meeting minutes of June 4, 2026 as presented and June 23, 2026 with amendments. Motion was seconded by Michael Hawkins and carried unanimously (4-0).

4. Discuss and consider the installation of a historical veteran’s marker at Freedmen Memorial Park

Item 4 was tabled due to Dr. Rasheed not being in attendance. The item will be placed on the agenda for the September 3rd Park Board meeting.

5. Discuss upcoming holiday at Boat Dock Park

Gumaro Martinez, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update on plans for the upcoming Labor Day weekend at the lake parks. Staff from Parks and Recreation, Police, and Fire met earlier in the week to discuss crowd management and public safety. The current plan is to open both lake parks to the public, with Police and Parks staff assisting with crowd control and coverage. The Board discussed that access cannot be limited to residents only due to legal constraints.

It was emphasized that the plans discussed are not final and that a formal plan will be presented to City Council. City Council will ultimately make the final decision on the proposed changes.

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

Staff provided an update on the Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Master Plan vendor selection process. Five firms were interviewed, with the final interview completed on August 5, 2026. Staff will select top firm to negotiate scope, contract terms, and pricing. If an agreement cannot be reached, staff will proceed to the next qualified firm.

7. Hear update on parks and trails

{Brad Burns arrived at 3:19 p.m.}

Mr. Martinez advised that the current pool policy restricting access to residents only is being revoked due to requirements under the Local Government Code. General discussion was held regarding the pool.

Staff provided an update on the Railyard Park parking lot project, which is beginning construction. The project will include renovations to the green space areas from Matthews Street to College Street, sidewalk connections, drainage improvements, and a picnic area. The project is anticipated to take approximately 120 days to complete.

Bradley Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update on the creek bank stabilization project at Getzendaner Park. A pre-construction meeting is still needed. Bids came in lower than the original budget, providing project savings. Construction is anticipated to begin in approximately six weeks, and efforts will include stabilization of the pedestrian bridge.

Mr. Martinez provided an update on the Regional Trail project, which is currently in the design and engineering phase. Staff are also working on right-of-way acquisitions.

The Board discussed the Lions Park project, including the options of natural grass and artificial turf. The project is scheduled to go before City Council on September 8, 2026, for final consideration.

8. Hear update on upcoming and past events

Danielle Guinn, Recreation Manager, provided updates on recent and upcoming events, including Trunk-a-Palooza, pool programming, Saturday morning fitness, and a potential glow-in-the-dark disc golf tournament.

Staff also provided an update on geofencing data being used to track park and facility usage, with significant increases noted during the Fast Pitch Classic and July 4th events.

Staff presented downtown improvements near Railyard Park, including fencing, renovations to the former feed store, and public parking improvements.

9. Set next meeting date and time

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The next Park Board meeting will be held on September 3rd, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Davis, Administrative Coordinator