

A G E N D A

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board to be held on ***October 1, 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
	Dani Cagle
	Brad Burns
	Michael Hawkins
	Alexx Alexander
	Tiki Smith

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. Introduce new members and reorganize the Board
4. Consider approval of minutes of the Park Board meeting of September 3, 2026
5. Hear update on Parks Master Plan
6. Hear update on current and upcoming park projects
7. Hear update on past and upcoming events
8. Set next meeting date and time
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.

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
September 3, 2026

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

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

Others Present: Gumaro Martinez, Director of Parks & Recreation
Bradley Barnes, Assistant 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 August 6, 2026

Action:

Michael Hawkins moved to approve the Park Board meeting minutes of August 6, 2026 as presented. Motion was seconded by Dani Cagle and carried unanimously (5-0).

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

Item 4 was presented after Item 6.

Dr. Jamal Rasheed, President of the Ellis County African American Hall of Fame, presented a proposal for a historical veteran's marker recognizing approximately 300 Black veterans identified from Prince Fraternal Hall Cemetery and Wakeland Cemetery. A rendering of the proposed memorial was presented to the Board. Dr. Rasheed requested that the City provide the concrete base and sidewalk, with the Museum providing the remaining components.

The Board discussed design, structural requirements, and options for the memorial. The item was tabled to allow Dr. Rasheed to explore alternative construction options that do not require cinderblock backing, provide a site plan, and allow staff to gather additional information before the item is brought back to the Board.

5. Discuss Park Projects

{Brad Burns arrived at 3:09 p.m.}

Danielle Guinn, Recreation Manager, provided a handout on park attendance, reporting more than 500,000 year-to-date visitors, and 167 reservations for the Lee Penn Park athletic fields.

Gumaro Martinez, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided updates on the following projects:

- **Lions Park:** The City Council item scheduled for September 8, 2026, was moved to a public work session on September 16, 2026. Approximately \$620,000 has been spent to date on the natural grass design. A 30-year cost comparison of natural grass and artificial turf will be presented to Council. Staff is prepared to proceed based on Council direction.
- **Railyard Park Parking Lot:** Construction has begun. A change order for sewer and water connections added approximately 30 days to the schedule, with completion anticipated by late January 2027. The project will add 53 parking spaces, five food truck stalls with electrical connections, and improved sidewalk connectivity.
- **A.F. Thompson Playground:** Staff is working with a consultant on a conceptual design featuring inclusive playground equipment, shade sails, and space for library programming.

6. Hear update on Labor Day Activities

Staff provided an update on plans to open the Lake Parks for Labor Day weekend. A capacity management plan will be implemented, including numbered dashboard passes corresponding to available parking spaces. Commercial vehicles, RVs, and buses will not be permitted.

Police, fire/rescue, and Parks and Recreation staff will provide support, including enforcement of parking restrictions and towing. Staff noted that historical attendance data indicates Labor Day is generally less congested than other summer holidays.

Future plans may include implementing a parking reservation system to improve capacity management and reduce staffing requirements.

7. Set next meeting date and time

The next Park Board meeting will be held October 1, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Davis, Administrative Coordinator