

Park Board
February 6, 2025

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Terry Connor, Chairman
Christopher Davis, Vice Chairman
Justin Burns
Marques Cameron
Anne Marie Kornman

Member Absent: Joe Tolbert

Others Present: Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brad Barnes, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Travis Smith, City Council Representative
Yadira Campos, Administrative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chairman Terry Connor called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

Alex Lohmann, representing the Skate Park Initiative, mentioned that he is attending today's meeting as an observer. He also shared that he will be making a presentation at the next meeting.

3. Consider approval of minutes of the Park Board meetings of January 9, 2025 and January 13, 2025

Action:

Anne Marie Kornman moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meetings of January 9, 2025 and January 13, 2025. Motion was seconded by Marques Cameron and carried unanimously (5-0).

4. Hear update on park activities and events

The item was presented by Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Recreation. He shared the Parks Department will have their Spring Break event on March 12th. He invited the Board and asked if anyone wanted to help at the event.

5. Hear update on park projects

The item was presented by Mr. Cooper. He gave an update on the following projects:

- M&M Playground: Synthetic Turf installation has been completed and now they are focused on the M&M playground improvements. He shared with the board some renderings of the improvements at M&M.

- North Grove Park: On February 14th, staff will receive 90% completed drawings from the consultant. He also shared from that point they are really close to going out to bids and he shared if we follow the timeline if we don't have any hiccups we should start moving dirt on that project between July and August.

6. Hear update on Parks Department

The item was presented by Mr. Cooper. Mr. Cooper shared a presentation on an overview of the Parks Department. Mr. Connor asked if the presentation can be emailed to the Board.

7. Discuss and review 5-Year Capital Improvements Projects (CIP)

The item was presented by Mr. Cooper. He shared with the board council approved to proceed with the new 5-Year CIP for the Parks Department. He also shared with the board the current 5-Year plan. Mr. Connor asked if the presentation can be emailed to the board.

8. Hear MTB Trail Proposal and consider a recommendation to proceed

The item was presented by a member of the Waxahachie Mountain Bike Club. He informed the Board that the Club is seeking to expand bike trail access and provided details on the locations they are considering for new trails. He requested the Board's recommendation to move forward with the project. The board then engaged in further discussion.

Action:

Anne Marie Kornman moved to recommend approval of adding more bike trails. Motion was seconded by Marques Cameron and carried unanimously (5-0).

9. Discuss and consider date for upcoming park tour

The item was presented by Mr. Cooper, who informed the Board that staff is looking to schedule the tour for a date in the spring. The Board discussed potential dates and decided to vote on the options at the next meeting. Mr. Cooper will present several date options for the vote. No action was taken at this time.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yadira Campos
Administrative Coordinator