

**CITY OF WACONIA
MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Regular Meeting of the Waconia Parks & Recreation Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Shaw.

Park Board Members Present: Lacey Shaw, Matt Wessale, Andrew Anauo, Thomas Adamini

Park Board Members Absent: Adam Hegeholz

Council Liaison: Pete Leo

Staff Present: Jackie Schulze, Craig Eldred

Adopt Agenda

Anauo made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Wessale. All in favor.

Sudheimer Park

Craig Eldred shared price updates for improvements and amenities as they were discussed on January 21st. Costs have increased for materials and amenities since being discussed in 2017. Boardwalk, Trails and Amenities relative to the wooded area increased about 13%, \$378,935.00 to \$427,238.00. Site and Land improvements with Amenities increased about 12%, \$578,091.00.

Oppidan has recently discussed with the City Council a zoning change and a proposed plan of improving the parcel immediately north of the park property as apartments. The concept is the same as what was presented in 2017. While staff is unsure this will develop in this capacity, staff wanted to make the Park Board aware.

Staff feels it might be a good time to reengage and begin discussions for the Park site improvements or options for the future of Sudheimer Park. Eldred asked for input on what the Board would like to see in the park.

Adamini asked how often a dog park has been brought up. Eldred said he hasn't heard a lot from residents for a dog park. The trails get utilized for people to get there dogs out and about. Adamini suggested that maybe that could be a topic for the future. It seems to be a perfect place for one.

Shaw likes the idea of keeping the space as natural as possible. Would be up for seeing some educational signs for people to know what kind of vegetation is in the park.

Wessale added that if the multi-family housing does go in a dog park might become necessary.

Anauo likes the idea of a dog park and thinks it is a good place for one.

Project Updates

Inclusive Playground: The Siegle property was approved for annexation on March 1, 2021 by the City Council. Staff has received a Preliminary Plat for the parcel and have begun review of the preliminary plan set provided by JMH Land.

It is expected that our Engineers to complete topography work on the site allowing play system to be sited within the Park. We expect to include the site elements provided by JMH Land as part of the Park Dedication improvements.

The City received a donation from the Make a Wish Foundation in honor of Vinny Skarro.

Interlaken Park: The boulder wall improvements were awarded to GMH Asphalt on March 15th. We also had a block retaining wall fail in Interlaken Park. Staff will begin repair of the wall once the weather improves. The wall initially was constructed with recycled block.

Waconia Baseball Association: Received an email that they plan to put a flagpole up in Lions Field near the score board.

Arbor Day: A proclamation will be prepared the City Council on April 5th. On April 15th at the next Park Board meeting, planting a tree at Oak Point Park.

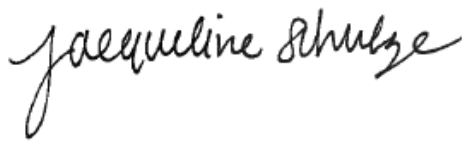
Park Signs: Have been working with CD Projects and have come up with a concept that would include trails and activities around the park.

Board Updates

Adjournment

Wessale motion to adjourn. Anauo second. All in favor. Adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "jacqueline schulze". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Respectfully Submitted," text.

Jackie Schulze
Interim City Administrator