

**CITY OF WACONIA
MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
Thursday, August 19, 2021**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Regular Meeting of the Waconia Parks & Recreation Board was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Shaw.

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

Park Board Members Absent: Adam Hegeholz, Andrew Anauo, Leah Soltis

Council Liaison: Pete Leo

Staff Present: Shane Fineran, Craig Eldred

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2021 Meeting

Wessale made a motion to approve the July 15, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Adamini. All in favor.

Project Updates

Public Services Director Craig Eldred provided an overview of the final draft layout for the inclusive playground and support building at Waterford Park. It was noted that the DNR grant application was amended to include a larger portion of the park space so that any improvements within the park space could be included for funding. Elements of layout take into consideration realignment of roadway segments and entrances into the park space related to the Waterford 6th addition. Site plan layout elements highlighted included designing pedestrian connections across the site and providing directional or buffer elements to keep people out of parking area conflicts as well as storm water management areas. Tree location and re-location areas were discussed to provide additional shading in the playground area.

Citizen Request – Pickleball Courts

The Board discussed a citizen comment provided to Chair Shaw regarding the addition of pickleball courts in the community. Eldred reviewed the existing pickleball court sites in the community at Interlaken Park and Cedar Point Park. Adamini provided his experience related to the development of pickleball courts and items to think about when placing them due to noise concerns, lighting requests, and balancing those with surrounding neighbors. Additional sites were discussed for possible placement such as Bayview Elementary, Clearwater Mills Park, and Waterford Park. Shaw preferred that the Board not stray from identified priorities currently favored by the board but supported incorporating into future community park spaces identified in

the comprehensive plan. The Board also discussed possibly utilizing existing court space in the community in which they could be striped for dual purposes such as other existing tennis court locations or outdoor basketball court locations.

Adjournment

Wessale motion to adjourn. Adamini second. All in favor. Adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane Fineran". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Shane Fineran
City Administrator