

Park Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026

The January 5, 2026, Cascade Park Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Rausch at 5:00 p.m. at the Cascade City Hall with Rausch, McLees, Orr and Hailey Rausch answering roll. Manternach was absent.

Motion Orr, second Hailey to approve the agenda – all ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Motion Hailey, second McLees to approve the meeting minutes from December 1, 2025 - all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Orr, second McLees to approve the November 2025 financial reports – all ayes, motion carried.

The board reviewed proofs from Big River of the signs “Keep Gates Closed At All Times” and the “Oak Hill Park Pickleball Complex” sign to make sure the wording was correct, the City branding kit was used, including correct font. There were some minor changes for both signs. Motion Hailey, second McLees to go back to Big River with the changes and bring updated proofs back to February meeting – all ayes, motion carried.

The board continued reviewing the FY27 budget. Funds were budgeted to begin upgrading picnic tables at Community Park with composite tables, new diving board at the pool, and other improvements that come up during the year. Motion Orr, second Hailey to accept the prepared FY27 budget for the parks and pool – all ayes, motion carried.

Jake at MSA prepared a preliminary layout for Oak Hill Park. It included a pavilion with restrooms, splash pad, walking trail around the perimeter of the park and a trail to connect to the 1st Avenue trail. It also included an asphalt parking lot and road into the park. He provided some general cost estimates for the items included in the plan. The Board will continue to review this plan and look at possible funding options.

Motion Orr, second McLees to adjourn the Park Board meeting at 6:05 p.m. – all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Deanna McCusker, City Administrator