

**Wauseon Wauseon Recreation Association  
Meeting  
Sunday, January 18, 2026  
Call Meeting to Order**

**Roll Call**

Present were Fire Chief Phil Kessler, Secretary Brock Nagel, Recreation Superintendent Matt Mennetti, Council Member Heather Galbraith, Council Member Jeremy Simon, Treasurer Dana Frost, Assistant Recreation Superintendent Hugo Barajas, President Jason Blonstein, Board Member Non-Voting Larry Zimmerman, Board Member Chris Hannon, to constitute a quorum for the transaction of city business.

**Changes to Agenda**

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

The board reviewed the minutes from the previous two meetings. Motions to approve both the November and December minutes.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

**Reports**

**Financial Report**

A financial report was provided, noting a checking account balance of \$43,002.96. The high balance was attributed to travel soccer revenue and registrations for upcoming basketball tournaments.

**Program Updates**

Registration for spring programs was discussed, with 102-103 children enrolled in travel soccer and equal numbers of boys' and girls' teams. Updates were provided on basketball tournaments and adult programs, all of which are progressing on schedule.

**New Business**

**Coach Approval Policy**

The board discussed establishing a policy for board oversight in coach appointments, with an emphasis on clear approval and potential conflicts of interest. Sub-board recommendations will be considered by final approval rests with the board.

**Personnel/Coach Issue**

An issue with a girls' soccer coach was addressed, highlighting concerns over qualifications, attendance, and communication. The board decided to initiate a formal investigation before making any changes to coaching assignments and will follow up with a report at the next meeting.

## **Updates**

### **Biddle Music Fest Planning**

The need for dedicated leadership for the festival was discussed. Plans include securing bands, advertising via billboards and radio, and obtaining signed contracts with performers. Regular committee meetings are scheduled for progress updates.

### **Baseball Board and Facilities Updates**

The baseball board's activities were reviewed, including the upcoming special meeting for board applicants and tryout preparations.

A new first aid kit initiative was discussed, aiming to improve emergency preparedness at athletic facilities.

### **Communication and Website**

The board approved a new vendor proposal for website development and communication tools, including Rec Desk integration and Constant Contact setup.

### **Indoor Facility Project**

Steps toward a multi-year indoor facility project were outlined, including needs assessment, community engagement, a business plan, and funding strategies such as grant applications.

### **Next Meeting Date, Comments, Announcements, and Other Business**

Discussions included sports complex upgrades (fencing, goals, T-ball backstops), coaching standards rollout, and resolving issues with grade- vs. age baseball registration.

Formal investigation of the girls' soccer coach situation, with a report due at the next meeting.

Presentation and rollout of revised coaching standards at upcoming spring sports meetings.

Execution of vendor contract for website/communication integration and payment arrangements.

Field equipment research (safety bases, goals) with follow-up on costs and recommendations.

Financial breakdown email to be sent summarizing registrations and revenues for current programs.

Oversight and regular updates for festive planning.

Publishing and marketing the pilot after-school program.

Manual processing of grade-based registration exceptions as needed.

First aid kit deployment review for athletic sites.

Next Meeting will be on February 22nd 2026 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned following discussion of all agenda items.

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**Brock Nagel, WRA Secretary**

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**Jason Blonstein, President of Wauseon  
Recreation Association**