Maxwell Parks and Open Spaces Board
Held a meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026, at 5:00p.m.
At City Hall, 107 Main Street, Maxwell, Iowa

Note: The following are unofficial until they are approved by the board at the next meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:03p.m. by Chair, Jody Gast.
2. Roll call was answered by Jody Gast, Deb Steele, Derek Carter and Ex officio attendee Ken Jans.
3. Steele moved to approve the agenda, Carter seconded. 3 ayes
4. Steele moved to approve April 13th, 2026 minutes, Carter seconded. 3 ayes
5. Open Forum – Jans discussed the possibility of an additional storage shed at the soccer field to free up space at the concession stand to be available for use during soccer and baseball games. Discussion about spraying dandelions at the fields. Pioneer Cemetery needs a new sign. Discussion of Parks and Open Spaces members being required to reside within city limits. Jans asked for clarification to allow soccer to continue to use the field if the FEMA land is transferred to the school.

New or Other Business:

6. Gast will contact the city engineer and request that he attend the June council meeting to discuss the possibility of installing parking at the trailhead at Army Post Road and the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail. Jans suggested contacting DOT about signage for parking.

7. The board will research cost of purchasing 2 garbage cans to be placed on the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail.

8. Gast has asked for high school volunteers to paint the Scout Park Shelter for silver cord hours prior to July 1st.

9. The senior class planted 4 trees at the city park. Gast will get an estimate to plant a Valley Forge Elm near the bike trail and Shelter house for America's 250th anniversary.

10. A celebration is being planned for America's 250th anniversary on July 4th from 11:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. at the city park. Ideas include; Planting of a Valley Forge Elm, reading of the Declaration of Independence, Mother's Club bike decoration and parade, games, Quilts of Valor, American Legion & VFW auxiliary serving lunch at the church stand, Daughters of the American Revolution handing out copies of the Constitution, Bill of Rights, & the Declaration of Independence

11. 5:50p.m. Carter moved, Steele seconded to adjourn. 3 ayes

Attest: _____, Clerk _____, Chair
Carrie Heaps Joelyn L. Gast