



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

March 25, 2025 | 7:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

Park Board Members: Chair Jeff Lester, Chris Ford, Chad Henderson, Tonya Lizakowski, Amanda Neubert, Kristofer Paulseth, Amanda Van Buren

The purpose of the park board is to provide a high quality of life for the city's residents through protection of its natural resources, its scenic, historical and aesthetic values, and by development of compatible facilities for public enjoyment. One of the board's functions as an advisory body is to hold public meetings and make recommendations to the city council. For each item, the board will receive reports prepared by city staff, provide the opportunity for public response, conduct board discussions and make recommendations. The city council, however, makes all final decisions on these matters.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1.** 2025-127 Approval of the January 28, 2025 Park Board meeting minutes.
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

5. New Business

- 5.1.** 2025-135 Mary Ann Young Center Presentation
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager
- 5.2.** 2025-149 Quincy Park Building
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager
- 5.3.** 2025-129 Priorities for Improvements to the Blaine Baseball Complex
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager
- 5.4.** 2025-128 Review of the 2024 - 2025 Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

5.5. 2025-134

Park Updates

Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

6. Adjournment



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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Blaine Park Advisory Board met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. Chair Lester called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boardmembers Neubert, Paulseth, VanBuren and Chair Lester.

Members Absent: Boardmembers Henderson and Lizakowski.

Staff Present: Recreation Manager Nate Monahan.

Guest: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1. 2025-32 Approval of the November 26, 2024 Park Board meeting minutes.
Sponsors: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager

Motion by Boardmember Paulseth to approve the minutes of November 26, 2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Boardmember VanBuren. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

Chair Lester opened the Open Forum at 7:02PM.

Cassandra _____, 12842 Palisade Street NE, explained she was concerned about tennis court availability and etiquette at the Lexington Athletic Complex. She discussed how pickleball players have more dedicated courts and were now bringing their own nets and using portions of the tennis courts in the community. She stated this was making tennis court availability more and more difficult to come by. She suggested a simple set of guidelines or rules be considered by the

City in order to ensure there is proper rotation at the tennis courts.

Recreation Manager Monahan stated the City has looked at potentially lighting the Jim Peterson tennis courts, which may be the best solution. He commented on how the dual use between pickleball and tennis at the Lexington Athletic Complex was creating tension.

Chair Lester noted he also supported the City looking into a set of rules or guidelines to ensure the pickleball and tennis court users were being cordial while using the courts.

Mr. Monahan stated he could speak with other communities to see how they are addressing tennis/pickleball court concerns. He reported staff could work on creating rules for the tennis/pickleball courts in the coming months and would report back to the Board with a quote for lighting at Jim Peterson Park as well.

Ms. _____ asked that she be informed when this item comes back to the Board for further discussion so she could provide further input. Mr. Monahan asked that Ms. _____ leave her email address and noted he would reach out when this item comes back to the Park Board.

Chair Lester closed Open Forum at 7:16PM.

5. New Business

5.1. 2025-33 Parks and Recreation Projects for 2025 *Sponsors: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager*

Mr. Monahan discussed with the Park Board the upcoming park projects that would be completed in 2025:

- Blaine Baseball Complex field #1 backstop
- Cloverleaf and Lexington dugouts
- Ivy Hills Park playground equipment
- Austin playground equipment
- Olympia Park playground equipment and sport court
- Jim Peterson Park asphalt for the rink
- Jim Peterson Warming House
- Blaine Baseball Complex field #5 lights and backstop
- Sunrise Pond Park turf establishment, courts, and lighting
- Quincy Park Building removal
- Westwood Park Court removal
- Trail maintenance (various parks)
- Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Boardwalks and Wetland Bank

5.2. 2025-34 Park Updates *Sponsors: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager*

Mr. Monahan provided the Board with an update on the following matters:

- Breakfast with Santa - Two events held in December
- Senior Birthday's and New Years Party at MAYC
- Mary Ann Young Center Rentals for 2024
- Outdoor Lights at Airport Park
- Shelter Rentals for 2024
- Skating Rinks
- Snow Day was held on Saturday, January 25
- Hired consultant for Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Boardwalk

Boardmember Paulseth asked why Deacon's Park had been removed from the park improvement list. Mr. Monahan explained staff has been in contact with the TPC in hopes of receiving funding to assist with this park replacement/improvement. He stated he could have Senior Parks and Recreation Manager Krieger report back to the Board with further information on this park.

6. Adjournment

Boardmember VanBuren motioned to adjourn. Boardmember Neubert seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Chair Lester adjourned the meeting at 7:58PM.



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New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.1

Mary Ann Young Center Presentation

Background

Amanda Alms, Manager of the Mary Ann Young Center, will give a presentation about the activities, programs and rentals being offered at the facility.

Recommendation

Attachment List

None



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New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.2

Quincy Park Building

Background

The Quincy Park building was constructed in 1973 to be used as a warming house for skaters in the winter and youth recreation programs in the summer. For the last 25-plus years, it has been used strictly as a warming house for skaters. In 2023, the building was deemed unusable due to failure of the grinder pump that moves sanitary waste out of the building. The building sat idle for the last couple of years and has become more of a vandalism magnet than anything else. The building still requires heat in the winter to make sure pipes don't freeze and the lights for skating are controlled off a timer, so no staff need to be onsite. Currently, the building provides no use for the city.

Recommendation

Staff are looking for a recommendation from the park board to eliminate the building at Quincy Park.

Attachment List

None



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New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.3

Priorities for Improvements to the Blaine Baseball Complex

Background

Staff will discuss a list of improvements identified by the Blaine Area Little League and Blaine Area Traveling Baseball Association for the Blaine Baseball Complex. Staff have taken this list and have put it in order according to priority.

Recommendation

Staff are looking for feedback from the park board on the priority list.

Attachment List

1. BBC Capital Projects

Priority Capital Improvement Projects for

Blaine Baseball Complex

1. Renovate Restrooms for better accessibility
2. New Bluetooth compatible scoreboards for fields 2 – 6
3. Metal Roofs for Dugouts at BBC 5 & BBC 6
4. Bullpen Portable Pitching Mounds at BBC 1, 5, 6
5. Batting Cages at BBC 5 & BBC 6
6. Concrete under bleachers



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New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.4

Review of the 2024 - 2025 Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

Background

Staff will review the 2024–2025 ice skating numbers and will talk about possible changes for the 2025–2026 season.

Recommendation

Staff is looking for feedback from the Park Board for future rinks.

Attachment List

1. 2024-2025 Rink Attendance Summary

2024/25 WINTER SKATING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

		DAYS	GENERAL		HOCKEY		TOTAL	
PARK	MONTH	OPEN	SKATERS	AVG/DAY	SKATERS	AVG/DAY	SKATERS	AVG/DAY
Happy Acres	Dec	6	276	46.00	1232	205.33	1508	251.33
3 Hockey	Jan	24	1132	47.16	2485	103.54	3617	150.70
1 General	Feb	21	901	42.90	1894	90.19	2795	133.09
Totals		51	2309	45.27	5611	110.01	7920	155.29
Ostmans	Dec	6	12	2.00	12	4	24	6.00
One Hockey	Jan	24	63	2.62	94	3.91	157	6.54
One General	Feb	21	35	1.66	49	2.33	84	4.00
Totals		51	110	2.15	155	3.03	265	5.19
Aurelia	Dec	6	19	3.16	30	5.00	49	8.16
One Hockey	Jan	24	74	3.08	124	5.16	198	8.25
One General	Feb	21	51	2.42	79	3.76	130	6.19
Totals		51	144	2.82	233	4.56	377	7.39
FIRST YEAR!								
Jim Peterson	Dec	6	197	32.83	433	72.16	630	105.00
One Hockey	Jan	24	610	25.41	1157	48.20	1767	73.62
One General	Feb	21	438	20.85	759	36.14	1197	57.00
Totals		51	1245	24.41	2349	46.05	3594	70.47
Lexington	Dec	6	98	16.33	814	135.66	912	152.00
Athletic Comp	Jan	24	813	33.87	1475	61.45	2288	95.33
Two Hockey	Feb	21	531	25.28	979	46.61	1510	71.90
One General								
Totals		51	1442	28.27	3268	64.07	5622	110.23
Grand Totals		51	5250	102.94	11616	227.76	17778	348.59



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Agenda Item # 5.5

Park Updates

Background

Park Updates

- Ivy Hills, Olympia and Austin Playgrounds will be removed and installed in May.
- Staff are working with the watershed to get the permit to add an infiltration pond at Sunrise Pond Park. Once we have that finalized, we will hire a contractor to construct the pond, courts, irrigation and seed the site.
- Staff had a bid opening on March 20 for the lights at the Blaine Baseball Complex field 5.
- Summer registration started on Monday, March 10 at 8 am. We had a couple of Play Net programs filled in four minutes.
- The community garden is full. We have 67 gardeners this year.
- Our summer part-time staff positions are full for the year.
- Staff and volunteers served 200 lunches for the Liver and Onions luncheon on March 13.
- MAYC rentals and programs are seeing record numbers at the facility.
- Our last craft fair had 44 vendors and a waiting list to get in. We had 585 people attend the fair.
- Stantec presented the BWS trail project to the NRCB last week. They will be presenting to the city council on April 14.

Recommendation

Attachment List

None