



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

August 26, 2025 | 7:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Blaine Park Advisory Board met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. Chair Lester called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boardmembers Henderson, Lizakowski, Neubert, Tshakert, VanBuren and Chair Lester.

Members Absent: Boardmember Paul Perez.

Staff Present: Jerome Krieger, Senior Parks and Recreation Manager.

Guest: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1.** 2025-481 Approval of the July 22, 2025 Park Board Meeting Minutes.
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

Motion by Boardmember VanBuren to approve the minutes of July 22, 2025 as presented. Motion seconded by Boardmember Lizakowski. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

Chair Lester opened the Open Forum at 7:03PM.

No one appeared to address the Board.

Chair Lester closed Open Forum at 7:03PM.

5. New Business

- 5.1. 2025-482 Welcome to New Park Board Member - Paul Perez
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

Senior Recreation Manager Krieger welcomed Paul Perez to the Park Board.

- 5.2. 2025-484 Eastside Park Playground Replacement
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

Mr. Krieger discussed with the park board a couple of options for the replacement equipment at Eastside Park. He explained all of the damaged equipment had been removed from the playground along with the swings. He reported the benches would remain in place because they were in very good condition. He further reviewed several design options for the Eastside Park playground replacement and requested feedback from the board on how to proceed.

Boardmember VanBuren inquired if insurance would be covering the cost for the playground replacement. Mr. Krieger stated the city did not meet the \$200,000 aggregate insurance limit for the year, which meant the city would get \$16,193 towards this project from the League of Minnesota Cities. He provided the Board with information on the park replacement timeline noting he would like to get this item before the city council on September 3. He noted he would be reaching out to the daycare providers to see if they have a preference on the park equipment colors.

Chair Lester inquired if the city would be meeting the needs of the neighborhood and the adjacent daycares with Option 1 versus Option 2. Mr. Krieger was of the opinion Option 1 would be appropriate and commented on how each piece of equipment would be used.

Boardmember Neubert indicated she liked the proposed treadmill amenity, but questioned how hard it would be for children to get up the treadmill type amenity. Mr. Krieger stated he could ask this question of the playground manufacturer and would report back to the board.

Boardmember Neubert explained she had been to a playground structure in Crystal that was similar to Option 1 and she supported moving forward with this option. She questioned if this playground structure could be installed yet this fall. Mr. Krieger stated if the park replacement were approved by the council on September 3, it would take approximately six to eight weeks for the order to be completed and could then be installed. He explained staff could work to have the concrete curbing in place prior to receiving the playground equipment.

Boardmember Henderson thanked Mr. Krieger for being so knowledgeable when it comes to the city's parks and the needs of the neighborhood surrounding each park.

Moved by Boardmember Neubert, seconded by Boardmember Tshakert, to recommend the

city council approve Option 1 for the Eastside Park Playground Replacement.

Motion adopted unanimously.

5.3. 2025-485 Park Updates

Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

Mr. Krieger provided the board with an update on the following matters:

Sunrise Pond Park - Staff received a low bid from New Look Contracting to complete the work at Sunrise Pond Park.

Jim Peterson Park rinks - Staff was working with WSB on an infiltration pond at Jim Peterson Park.

Blaine Baseball Complex field 5 lights - The poles were in place on Field 5 for the new lights. The city was now waiting for a transformer from Connexus.

Blaine Baseball Complex indoor restrooms - Staff provided an update and pictures were reviewed of the restrooms at the Blaine Baseball Complex.

Little League Teams - Staff was proud to report two Blaine Little League teams made it to State this year.

6. Adjournment

Boardmember Henderson motioned to adjourn. Boardmember Tshakert seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Chair Lester adjourned the meeting at 7:37PM.