



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

October 28, 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, October 28, 2025. Chair Lester called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Boardmember Henderson.

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

Guest: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1.** 2025-562 Approval of the August 26, 2025 Park Board Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

Motion by Boardmember VanBuren to approve the minutes of August 26, 2025 as amended. Motion seconded by Boardmember Neubert. 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.** 2025-564 Eastside Park Playground Equipment
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

Senior Recreation Manager Krieger stated the new playground equipment for Eastside Park has been ordered, and the concrete curbing is in the park. Currently, the new equipment is scheduled to arrive in the middle of November and staff's goal was to try and get the equipment in the ground yet this fall.

- 5.2.** 2025-565 2026 - 2030 Parks CIP Budget Discussion
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

Mr. Krieger reviewed the Parks CIP budget for 2026 through 2030 and discussed the various projects proposed for each year along with the associated funding amounts. He commented on the funding that would be set aside each year for the next five years for trail maintenance. He discussed how the Jefferson Park playground would be replaced in 2026 noting city staff could not longer get parts for the existing equipment. In 2027, the Sanctuary South playground would be replaced along with backstop work in various parks. He reiterated that this was a plan and the projects could shift from year to year.

Further discussion ensued regarding the trail maintenance work that would be completed in the coming years.

Mr. Krieger provided the board with a presentation on the park development fund noting how park dedication funds would be allocated over the next five years. He commented on the potential plans for Park 67, which would be located in the northwest corner Lexington Avenue/14. He reported the plans for the wheel park have been pushed out beyond the next five years.

Chair Lester thanked staff for the detailed presentation on the Parks CIP and development fund. Mr. Krieger noted this item would be coming back to the park board in November for a recommendation to the city council.

- 5.3.** 2025-566 Park Updates
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

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

Blaine Baseball Complex - Staff noted the lights have been installed.

Trail work at the Blaine Baseball Complex, Carrara East, Centennial Green and Kane Meadows Parks - Staff provided an update on the trails that have been installed at the Blaine Baseball Complex, Carrerra East, Centennial Green and Kane Meadows Park.

Oktober Fest - Staff reported Oktober Fest was held on Saturday, October 4.

Annual Liver and Onion dinner — Staff noted the annual liver and onions dinner was at on Thursday, October 16 at the Mary Ann Young Center.

Flashlight Pumpkin Hunt - Staff explained the flashlight pumpkin hunt was held on Friday, October 24.

New Recreation Programmer — Staff stated Lizabeth Rynders was hired as the city's new recreation programmer.

6. Adjournment

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

Chair Lester adjourned the meeting at 7:54PM.