



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

November 25, 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, November 25, 2025. Chair Lester called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None.

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

Guest: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1.** 2025-619 Approval of the October 28, 2025 Park Board Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

Boardmember Tschakert requested the spelling of her last name be corrected in the roll call portion of the minutes on Page 1.

Motion by Boardmember Perez to approve the minutes of October 28, 2025 as amended. Motion seconded by Boardmember Lizakowski. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

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

No one appeared to address the Board.

Chair Lester closed Open Forum at 7:02PM.

5. New Business

5.1. 2025-621 Jefferson Park Playground Equipment *Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director*

Senior Parks and Recreation Manager Krieger requested the board discuss a couple of options for the new playground equipment at Jefferson Park for 2026. Staff presented the options available for this playground and requested direction on how to proceed with this playground replacement project.

Boardmember VanBuren stated she supported Option 1 moving forward. She appreciated how this option better utilized the playground space.

Boardmember Henderson agreed Option 1 should move forward, noting he liked the additional swing.

Boardmember Lizakowski indicated she liked both options, but supported Option 1 going forward because it was more accessible for all ages and abilities. In addition, she appreciated the more imaginative play that was available through Option 1.

Motion by Boardmember Lizakowski to recommend the City Council move forward with Option 1 for the Jefferson Park playground equipment replacement project. Motion seconded by Boardmember Henderson. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Krieger reviewed three different color schemes for the park and noted these options would be passed along to the neighbors for comment.

5.2. 2025-623 Parks CIP Budget *Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director*

Mr. Krieger reviewed with the board an updated Parks CIP budget for 2026. He was pleased to report the city had taken in roughly \$80,000 in park dedication funds in 2025. He commented on how the park dedication fund would grow in 2026 as the 105th Redevelopment Project moved forward.

The board supported city council taking another look at the rates the city was charging for park dedication fees. Mr. Krieger anticipated this would be done in 2026.

Chair Lester thanked staff for the presentation on the updated Parks CIP budget.

5.3. 2025-624 Park Updates

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

Sunrise Pond Park - Staff updated the board on the soil correction work that has been completed at Sunrise Pond Park. Due to the soil conditions at this park, it appears the courts could not be completed in this park. The board suggested staff speak with the developer to see if park dedication fees can be paid for one-third of the park land since it could not be developed into a park.

Blaine Baseball Complex Trail work - Staff reviewed photos of the trail work that was completed at the Blaine Baseball Complex.

Blaine Baseball Complex ADA work - Staff noted the ADA ramp had been replaced and a new railing would be installed at the Blaine Baseball Complex.

Winter Celebration - Staff noted the winter celebration would be held at City Hall on Sunday, November 30 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Warming Houses/Rinks - It was noted staff's goal was to have the skating rinks open on or around December 20. Staff commented how ice skates were available at the National Sports Center for families looking for skates and indoor skating.

MAYC Thanksgiving Lunch - Staff reported the MAYC Thanksgiving lunch was held last week where 200 seniors in the community were served.

6. Adjournment

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

Chair Lester adjourned the meeting at 7:59PM.