



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

February 24, 2026 | 7:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

Park Board Members: Chair Jeff Lester, Chad Henderson, Tonya Lizakowski, Amanda Neubert, Paul Perez, Amanda Tschakert, 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.** 2026-102 Approval of the November 25, 2025 Park Board Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

5. New Business

- 5.1.** 2026-103 Mary Ann Young Center Yearly Presentation
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director
- 5.2.** 2026-104 Blaine Baseball Complex ADA Family Restrooms
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director
- 5.3.** 2026-107 Parks and Recreation Projects for 2026
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director
- 5.4.** 2026-105 Park Updates

Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

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, 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.



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File Number: 2026-103

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New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.1

Mary Ann Young Center Yearly Presentation

Background

Amanda Alms, Recreation Manager at the Mary Ann Young Center, will give a presentation of the past year's programs, special events and rentals at the Mary Ann Young Center to the park board.

Recommendation

Informational

Attachment List

None



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New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.2

Blaine Baseball Complex ADA Family Restrooms

Background

Staff will give the park board an update on the Blaine Baseball Complex ADA Family Restroom project.

Recommendation

Informational

Attachment List

None



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New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.3

Parks and Recreation Projects for 2026

Background

Staff will discuss with the park board the upcoming park projects for 2026 along with the funding.

- Jefferson playground equipment
- Jim Peterson Park asphalt for the rink
- Jim Peterson Warming House
- Jim Peterson additional parking lot
- Blaine Baseball Complex scoreboards
- Ostmans siding and roof
- Ostmans shelter replacement
- Trail maintenance (various parks)

Recommendation

Report

Attachment List

1. Parks Final 2026 Fund Summaries



City of Blaine, Minnesota
Neighborhood Park Improvement Fund - 402
Summary of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance
2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan - As of December 15, 2025

	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Projection	2028 Projection	2029 Projection	2030 Projection
Operating Revenues							
Property Tax Levy	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Billboard Revenue	183,000	193,000	193,000	193,000	193,000	193,000	193,000
Investment Earnings	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Revenues	183,000	698,000	698,000	698,000	698,000	698,000	698,000
Capital Outlay							
Trail Maintenance	265,000	353,641	450,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	250,000
West Lake Park Playground	120,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lakeside Park Playground	95,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colony Preserve Park Playground	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
London Park Shelter	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pioneer Park Shelter	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suzanne Park Playground	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ivy Hills Park Playground	-	115,000	-	-	-	-	-
Austin Park Playground	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	-
Olympia Park Playground	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	-
Jefferson Park Playground	-	-	115,000	-	-	-	-
Ostmans Park Shelter Replacement	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-
Ostmans Park Building Repair	-	-	35,000	-	-	-	-
Sanctuary South Park Playground	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	-
Little League Playground	-	-	-	60,000	-	-	-
Jefferson Park Shelter Replacement	-	-	-	40,000	-	-	-
Various parks - Fencing and Backstops	-	-	-	75,000	-	-	40,000
Sanctuary North Park Playground	-	-	-	-	125,000	-	-
Trees Edge Park Playground	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-
Happy Acres Park Shelter	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-
Lakeside Commons Park Playground	-	-	-	-	-	150,000	-
Ostmans Park Playground	-	-	-	-	-	110,000	-
Fillmore Playground	-	-	-	-	-	70,000	-
Kane Meadows Park Shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,000
South Lake Playground	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,000
Eastside Park Playground	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000
Lochness Park Shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000
Aurelia Park Shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
Deacons Park Playground	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,000
Quincy Park Shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
Total Capital Outlay	690,000	668,641	650,000	625,000	625,000	680,000	810,000
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(507,000)	29,359	48,000	73,000	73,000	18,000	(112,000)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers In from Strategic Priorities	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(7,000)	29,359	48,000	73,000	73,000	18,000	(112,000)
Beginning Fund Balance	253,280	288,401	317,760	365,760	438,760	511,760	529,760
Ending Fund Balance	246,280	317,760	365,760	438,760	511,760	529,760	417,760



City of Blaine, Minnesota
Park Development Fund - 404
Summary of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance
2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan - As of December 15, 2025

	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Projection	2028 Projection	2029 Projection	2030 Projection
Operating Revenues							
Park Dedication Fees	\$ 1,021,662	\$ 750,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Investment Earnings	-	35,000	20,000	18,000	18,000	12,000	15,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	1,021,662	785,000	520,000	518,000	518,000	512,000	515,000
Capital Outlay							
Jim Peterson Site Improvements	1,241,119	716,928	-	-	-	-	-
Sunrise Ponds Park	281,497	274,209	-	-	-	-	-
Baseball Complex Site Improvements	150,000	401,407	200,000	-	-	-	-
Jim Peterson Parking Lot Expansion	-	-	174,950	-	-	-	-
Lakeside Park Bridge Replacement	-	-	-	375,000	-	-	-
New Park West of Lexington/North of Main	-	-	-	-	75,000	925,000	-
Total Capital Outlay	1,672,616	1,392,544	374,950	375,000	75,000	925,000	-
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(650,954)	(607,544)	145,050	143,000	443,000	(413,000)	515,000
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers In From Open Space Fund	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	-	-
Transfers Out to Bandshell Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out to Open Space Fund	-	-	-	(1,500,000)	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	(1,500,000)	1,000,000	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(650,954)	(607,544)	145,050	(1,357,000)	1,443,000	(413,000)	515,000
Beginning Fund Balance	2,673,823	2,560,824	1,953,280	2,098,330	741,330	2,184,330	1,771,330
Ending Fund Balance	2,022,869	1,953,280	2,098,330	741,330	2,184,330	1,771,330	2,286,330



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New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.4

Park Updates

Background

Park Updates

Jefferson Park Playground
Snow Day with Anoka County Parks and Recreation
2025 - 2026 Rink Attendance
Community Garden
Summer Registration
Blaine Festival

Recommendation

Informational

Attachment List

None