



# City of Blaine

## Park Advisory Board

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February 24, 2026 | 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, February 24, 2026. 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  
Amanda Alms, Recreation Manager.

Guest: None.

#### 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*

Motion by Boardmember VanBuren to approve the minutes of November 25, 2025 as presented. Motion seconded by Boardmember Henderson. 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. 2026-103 Mary Ann Young Center Yearly Presentation  
*Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director*

Park and Recreation Director Krieger stated Amanda Alms, Recreation Manager at the Mary Ann Young Center, was in attendance to give a presentation of the past year's programs, special events and rentals at the Mary Ann Young Center to the park board. He discussed how the seniors in the community were a growing population and noted he was proud of all of the services and programming the city of Blaine provides for the seniors in the community.

Recreation Manager Amanda Alms discussed the programs, special events and rentals that occurred at the Mary Ann Young Center in 2025. She explained MAYC was an amazing facility that was allowing the seniors in the community to stay active and age in place. She reported MAYC looks to provide seniors with volunteer opportunities, special events, recreation programs, educational programs, wellness programs as well as outings, trips and travel opportunities. She estimated the city provided 40 different programs each month and served approximately 1,000 lunches per month. She reported MAYC generated \$61,000 in rental revenue in 2025 and reviewed the amount of funding that was received through donations, the annual fundraiser and endowment. She described the issues that were being addressed by the senior center advisory council. She stated Older American's month would be celebrated in May and MAYC would be hosting a luncheon with entertainment on Thursday, May 13. She reported the new MAYC program coordinator was Sharon Severson. Further discussion ensued regarding the rentals that occur at MAYC.

- 5.2. 2026-104 Blaine Baseball Complex ADA Family Restrooms  
*Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director*

Mr. Krieger provided an update on the Blaine Baseball Complex ADA Family Restroom project. He explained progress has been made on the restrooms noting the railings have been installed, along with the push button entry. He explained the city was waiting for the restroom door to be programmed at this time. He indicated the city was still waiting on the adult changing tables.

- 5.3. 2026-107 Parks and Recreation Projects for 2026  
*Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director*

Mr. Krieger discussed with the park board the upcoming park projects that would be completed in 2026 along with the funding source. The projects are as follows:

- 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)

Mr. Krieger commented further on the projects that were planned for 2027 and beyond noting that these items may be flipped or pushed back after staff further reviews the plans.

Boardmember Neubert encouraged city staff to work with the school on the playground equipment and colors before this project begins.

Boardmember Neubert inquired if the warming house at Jim Peterson would allow for food concessions. Mr. Kreiger explained prepackaged concession items could be sold at the warming house.

#### **5.4. 2026-105 Park Updates**

*Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director*

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

- Jefferson Park Playground - Staff provided an update on the Jefferson Park playground.
- Snow Day with Anoka County Parks and Recreation - Staff reviewed photos from the event that was held at the Wargo Nature Center.
- 2025-2026 Rink Attendance - Staff reported the outdoor rinks were open for 40 days this season. It was noted Happy Acres has the highest number of skaters.
- Community Garden - Staff reported the community garden plots were full for 2026.
- Summer Registration - Staff explained summer registration would begin on Monday, March 9 at 8:00AM.
- Blaine Festival - Staff stated the Blaine Festival would be held June 26 through June 28 and the medallion hunt would begin on June 25.

## **6. Adjournment**

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

Chair Lester adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.