



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

March 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.** 2026-146 Approval of the February 24, 2026 Park Board Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

4. Open Forum

Open Forum is an opportunity for the public to share comments, concerns, or input on other items. While Open Forum is not intended to provide responses or discussion during the meeting, city staff will contact the speaker(s) after the meeting if follow-up is needed. Each speaker is limited to three minutes, with a maximum of 15 minutes set aside for Open Forum.

5. New Business

- 5.1.** 2026-147 Westwood Park Tennis/Basketball Court
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

- 5.2.** 2026-148 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, 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.



City of Blaine Staff Report

File Number: 2026-147

Agenda Date	Status
March 24, 2026	
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New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.1

Westwood Park Tennis/Basketball Court

Background

The Westwood Park tennis/basketball court has been deteriorating and has received complaints from residents about the condition of the court. The court was resurfaced in 2015. The resurfacing included crack sealing and repainting of the court. There are no records to indicate when the court was actually built, but researching the ages of the houses around the park, staff believe it was in the late 1960s or early 1970s.

City staff would like to remove the court since it's crumbling and deteriorating quickly.

Staff would like feedback from the park board on what recommendations they would have for amenities in that space or somewhere else in the park?

- Grass (Passive park)
- A shelter or shade area
- Another court (Pickleball or Basketball)
- Other ideas

Recommendation

Staff is seeking feedback for recommendations on amenities at Westwood Park.

Attachment List

1. 402 Fund Summary
2. Westwood Plat



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 31, 2025

	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Adopted Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted 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	\$ 500,000
Billboard Revenue	183,000	193,000	193,832	193,000	193,000	193,000	193,000	193,000
Investment Earnings	-	5,000	12,669	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Revenues	183,000	698,000	706,501	698,000	698,000	698,000	698,000	698,000
Capital Outlay								
Trail Maintenance	265,000	353,641	51,319	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	114,926	-	-	-	-	-
Austin Park Playground	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	-
Olympia Park Playground	-	100,000	99,999	-	-	-	-	-
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	392,876	650,000	625,000	625,000	680,000	810,000
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(507,000)	29,359	313,625	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	313,625	48,000	73,000	73,000	18,000	(112,000)
Beginning Fund Balance	253,280	288,401	288,401	317,760	365,760	438,760	511,760	529,760
Ending Fund Balance	246,280	317,760	602,026	365,760	438,760	511,760	529,760	417,760

ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

LAND SURVEYORS

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STATE OF MINNESOTA) S.S.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

On this 17 day of May, A.D. 1950 before me a Notary Public within and for said County and State personally appeared Stanley W. Dahmeyer and Margaret Dahmeyer, his wife, to me personally known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and thus affirm and acknowledge that they executed the same as their own free act and deed.

Olga M. Dickey
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minnesota
My Commission Expires 12/28/2014
I hereby certify that I have surveyed and plotted the land described in the above dedication as WESTWOOD ACRES; that this plat is a correct representation of said survey; that all distances are correctly shown on said plat in figures denoting feet and decimals of a foot; that the topography of the land is correctly shown on said plat; that the monuments or the outlines of future surveys, now being correctly placed in the ground as shown on said plat; that the outside boundary of the land are correctly designated on said plat; and that there are no wet lands or public highways to be designated on said plat.

STATE OF MINNESOTA) S.S.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN.)

Above certificate subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public within and for said County and State on this 24th day of May A.D. 1950

Carrie Mae Dickson
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minnesota
My Commission Expires _____
My term begins at _____

We the Chairman and Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Blaine, Minnesota do hereby certify that on this 2 day of May, A.D. 1980 the said Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Blaine, Minnesota, duly approved the above and foregoing plat of WESTWOOD ACRES and duly authorize the certification of such action of the Commission by its Chairman and Secretary.

George C. Werts
Chairman of the Board

Paul G. Ginter

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H. S. Stack
Chairman Board of County Commissioners
Anoka County, Minnesota

L. March Little
County Attorney, Anoka County, Minnesota

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
DIVISION OF LANDS
I hereby certify that the within instrument
was filed in this office on the 10th day of
July, A. D. 1952, at 9 o'clock A.M.
— Charles Randall, Registrar of Titles
By — [Signature] Deputy Registrar of Titles

TAXES PAID
 Paid 25th day of June, 1950
 E. L. Gulick
 Auditor, Alaska Territory
 by J. W. Bremer, Deputy



City of Blaine Staff Report

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New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.2

Park Updates

Background

Park Updates

Summer Brochure and Registration
Summer staffing is full
Blaine Baseball Complex ADA Restrooms
Craft Fairs
Ostmans building
July 4th Fireworks

Recommendation

Attachment List

None