



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

August 25, 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.** 2026-422 Approval of the April 28, 2026 Park Board Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

4. Open Forum

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5. New Business

- 5.1.** 2026-423 2050 Comp Plan
Sponsors: Elizabeth Showalter, Housing Program Coordinator

- 5.2.** 2026-448 Little League Park Playground Equipment
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

- 5.3.** 2026-449 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, April 28, 2026. Chair Lester called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Boardmembers Henderson, Lizakowski and Perez.

Staff Present: Jerome Krieger, Parks and Recreation Director.

Guest: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1. 2026-219 Approval of the March 24, 2026 Park Board Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

Motion by Boardmember VanBuren to approve the minutes of March 24, 2026 as presented. Motion seconded by Boardmember Neubert. Motion approved unanimously.

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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. 2026-220 Westwood Park Tennis/Basketball Court Cost Analysis *Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director*

Park and Recreation Director Krieger stated following up from last month's meeting, city staff did a preliminary cost analysis to project what the cost may be to construct a new half basketball court and tennis/pickleball court at Westwood Park. Staff presented a layout and a cost analysis for Westwood Park and requested feedback from the park board on how to proceed.

Chair Lester questioned if there would be right of way concerns with where the lines are buried in the park. Mr. Krieger indicated these were details he would have to work out with Xcel Energy out prior to moving forward with the plans for this park.

Boardmember VanBuren asked if the power lines were not buried, would the city be able to move forward with Option B. Mr. Krieger indicated the city would have to be 30 or 40 feet away from the power lines, if the lines were not buried.

Boardmember Neubert recommended a gate be installed on the east and west side of the courts.

Chair Lester requested further information regarding the lighting. Mr. Krieger reviewed the location of the proposed park lighting.

Chair Lester requested staff review the preliminary cost estimates for Option A and Option B. Mr. Krieger reviewed the proposed project costs for both options, noting Option A would cost \$309,174 and Option B would cost \$400,000.

Boardmember Tschakert stated these estimates came in higher than she anticipated for a basketball and tennis court. She asked if there were any items within the estimate that could be reduced. Mr. Krieger indicated the basketball court could have a fence on one side instead of all sides, or a shorter fence could be considered.

Chair Lester inquired if the City would be doing street work in this area in order to assist with lowering the cost for this project. Mr. Krieger stated he could speak with engineering staff regarding this matter.

Further discussion ensued regarding the life expectancy of playground structures.

Mr. Krieger asked which option the board supported at this time.

Chair Lester stated he believed Option A would be the better option for this park. The board was in agreement.

5.2. 2026-221 Park Updates

Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Park and Recreation Director

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

- Blaine Baseball Complex ADA Restrooms - The progress being made on the family restrooms was reviewed with the board.
- Blaine Baseball Complex Scoreboards - The new scoreboards were now in place at the Blaine Baseball Complex.
- Anoka County Grant - Staff applied for a grant through Anoka County and was approved for funding for trail maintenance and playground equipment at Little League Park.
- Ostmans Building Repair - Photos were shared of the old Ostmans building, along with photos of how the building had been repaired. Staff was pleased to report this project came in under budget.
- Jefferson Park - Work began at Jefferson Park today and the playground structure should be completed by next week.
- Mary Ann Young Center - The city was seeing a lot of rentals at MAYC.

6. Adjournment

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

Chair Lester adjourned the meeting at 7:50PM.



City of Blaine Staff Report

File Number: 2026-423

Agenda Date	Status
August 25, 2026	
In Control	File Type
Park Advisory Board	Presentation

New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.1

2050 Comp Plan

Background

The City is required under state statute to update its comprehensive plan every 10 years. The 2050 plan must be completed and submitted to the Metropolitan Council by the end of 2028. Staff will provide a brief overview of the plan requirements and process for drafting the plan.

The City will be utilizing an advisory group for the Comprehensive Plan which will include representatives from city commissions, members of the public, and city council members. Park Board members will be asked to express interest in the advisory group either at the meeting, or by emailing staff following the meeting. The advisory group will generally meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30, with a total of eight meetings expected between October 2026 and August 2027. Meetings may occasionally be held on other Tuesdays.

Recommendation

Attachment List

None



City of Blaine Staff Report

File Number: 2026-448

Agenda Date	Status
August 25, 2026	
In Control	File Type
Park Advisory Board	Action Item

New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.2

Little League Park Playground Equipment

Background

Staff will present some possible playground equipment options to the Park Board for Little League Park. This will be a 2027 project through the Parks and Trails.CIP.

Recommendation

Give staff feedback on which option the park board prefers and any other changes they would like to see with the renderings.

Attachment List

1. _2026.08.13 Blaine_Little League Park Revised Concepts

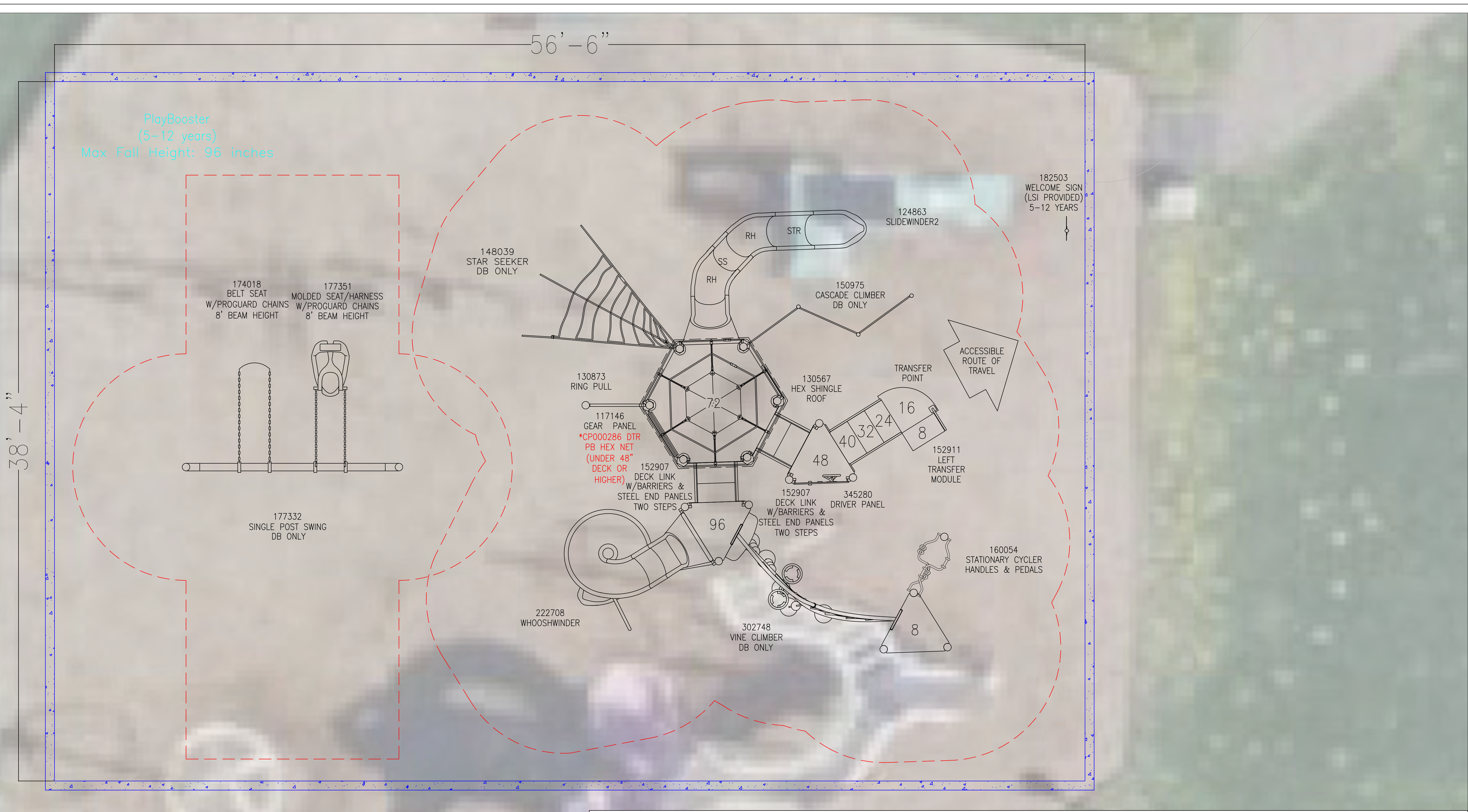








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 - OWNER INSTALLED DRAIN TILE TO BE WITHIN 4 FEET OF CONTAINER PERIMETER
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 - DRAIN TILE BY FLAGSHIP ACCOUNTS FOR WATER WITHIN THE CONTAINER AND DOES NOT INCLUDE RUN OFF FROM SURROUNDING FLATWORK, LANDSCAPING, BUILDINGS, ETC.
 - OWNER TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE ROUTE TO CONTAINER
 - MINIMUM CONTAINER SIZE NEEDED DENOTES THE INSIDE OF CURB DIMENSION

CONTAINER DETAILS		
TOTAL CONTAINER AREA	2164 SF	
ASTM SAFETY SURFACING TYPE	ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER	
TOTAL EWF AREA	2164 SF	
TOTAL PERIMETER	190 LF	
EDGING TYPE	6"X12" CONCRETE CURB	
FINISH GRADE	TOP OF CURB	
MAX FALL HEIGHT (5-12 YR)	96"	

5-12 AREA			
TOTAL ELEVATED PLAY COMPONENTS	7		
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY RAMP	0	REQUIRED	0
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY TRANSFER	7	REQUIRED	4
TOTAL ACCESSIBLE GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS SHOWN	5	REQUIRED	3
TOTAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS	4	REQUIRED	4

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landscape structures

THIS PLAY AREA AND PLAY EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED FOR AGE RANGES AS NOTED ON PLAN.

THIS DESIGN CONFORMS TO THE ADA ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES (ADAAG), ASSUMING THAT THE ENTIRE USE ZONE IS COVERED WITH AN ACCESSIBLE PROTECTIVE SURFACING, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON THE PLAN.

**LITTLE LEAGUE
PARK PLAYGROUND
OPTION 1**

730 113TH AVE NE, BLAINE, MN 55434

**SALES REPRESENTATIVE:
EMILY MALONEY**

**DESIGNED BY:
AO
7/30/26**

3/8" = 1'-0"

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Labor Rate: —————→ Prevailing

PRELIMINARY BUDGET - THIS IS AN ESTIMATE & NOT A FORMAL QUOTE

	QTY	Preliminary Budget	Possible Additions	Possible Reductions	Notes
Play Equipment					
Little League Park - Option 1,EM706LLP216446247		69,742.00			2026 List Price
State Contract #218091	6%	(4,184.52)			(6% discount under \$80,000 & 8% discount \$80,000 & above)
Sales Tax - if applicable		0.00			ST3 Certificate of Exemption must be provided by owner.
Playground Freight (Ships from Delano, MN)		1,200.00			
Mobilization		750.00			Mobilization of Installation Crew to Job Site (Trailer Skid Steer Augur, Tools, Mixer, Etc.)
Dumpster(s) - 30 Yard		750.00			Disposal of packaging material
Site work					
Excavation (new container)	0	0.00			BY OWNER - Desired final grade of play container to be set by excavating 12" below it
Border Options					
Concrete Border Straight (LF)	190	10,825.13			Standard 6" W x 12" D.
Playground Installation (Labor & Concrete for Footings)	18.75%	14,167.02			Full professional installation by Landscape Structures Certified Installers. Prevailing Labor Rate.
Shade/Tower Rental Equipment Allowance (Lull, Lift, etc.)		1,618.59			Rental - Req'd for Shade Fabric, Roofs, etc.
Subgrade Prep & Engineered Wood Fiber Surfacing (EWF)					
EWF - Playground Safety Surfacing (CY)	94	4,222.93			IPEMA Certified Meets ASTM, ADA & CPSC
EWF Freight		925.00			
Site Restoration (Sq.Ft.)	0	0.00			BY OWNER
LSI - Payment & Performance Bonds		0.00			Included By Request
Flagship - Payment & Performance Bonds		0.00			Included By Request
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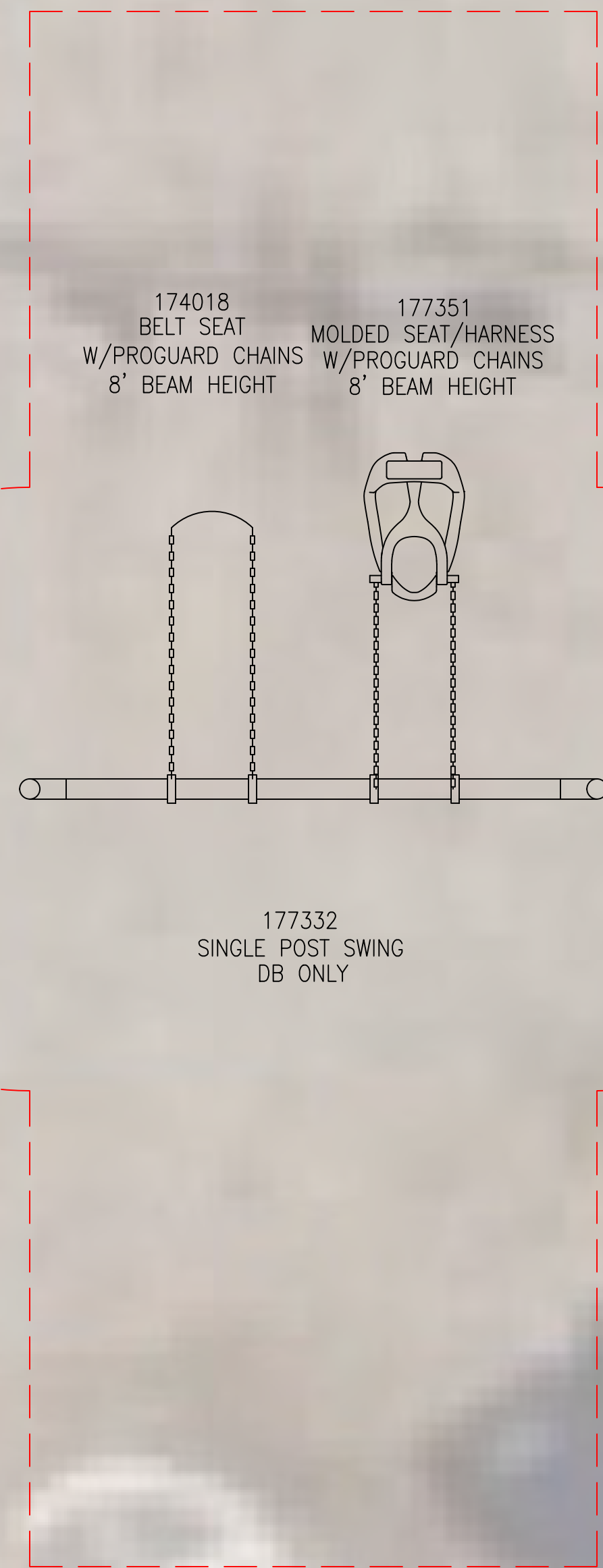


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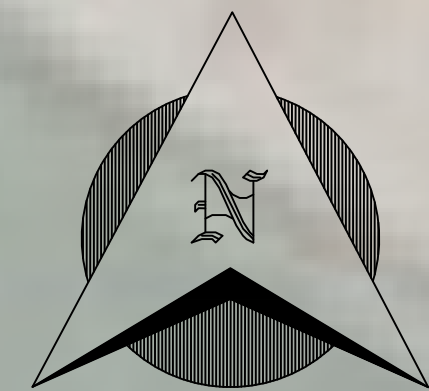
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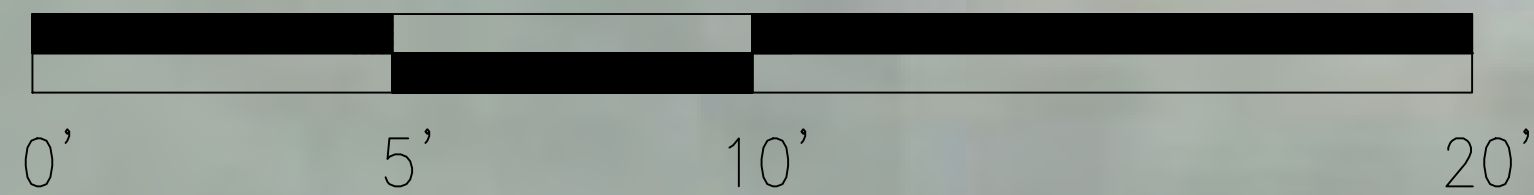
PlayBooster
(5-12 years)
Max Fall Height: 96 inches



NOTE: THE COOLTOPPER SINGLE POST IS NOT IPEMA CERTIFIED.



SCALE IN FEET:



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New Business -

Agenda Item # 5.3

Park Updates

Background

Park Updates

Bark in the Park
Safety Camp
Community Garden
Mary Ann Young Center Programs
Jim Peterson Park Rink and Parking Lot Expansion
Trail work

Recommendation

Informational

Attachment List

None