



PARK BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, 6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers (televised)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment (*sign-in prior to start of meeting per Rules of Decorum*)
4. Setting the Agenda: Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
5. Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2026
6. Action Items
7. Discussion Items
 - A. Discuss 2027 Park Board Goals
8. Next Scheduled Park Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 7, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF LINO LAKES
PARK BOARD MINUTES**

DATE:	March 4, 2026
TIME STARTED:	6:30 p.m.
TIME ENDED:	7:45 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Clark Gooder, Patrick Huelman, Morgan Ross, Kelly Schmidt, Julie Ann Cutts, Megan Mouser
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Uyanga Bayandalai
STAFF PRESENT:	Rick DeGardner, Angela Thorson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Gooder called the Lino Lakes Park Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 4, 2026.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 4, 2026 MINUTES

Mr. Huelman moved to approve the February 4, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Cutts. Motion carried 6 – 0.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. CLLL Proposal for Additional Ball Field at Sunrise Park Select Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director, summarizes the proposal for the additional ball field at Sunrise Park. There are currently 4 youth ball fields at Sunrise Park. Centennial Lakes Little League (CLLL) is proposing the construction of an additional field. Concept plans and background information were not submitted by February 26, so staff was not able to provide any specific comments pertaining to this proposal. However, staff has developed a list of items for Park Board consideration:

DRAFT MINUTES

- Any additional impervious surface may trigger water quality requirements.
- Any project that disturbs over an acre of soil requires an NPDES permit.
- Staff should review any proposed tree removals.
- This general area has been used by Centennial Soccer Club for practices in the spring and summer, and Centennial football in the fall.
- There are approximately 128 parking spaces. Need to verify whether additional parking is needed for a fifth ball field. City ordinances require hard surfacing such as asphalt or concrete. Gravel is not permitted.
- Need a breakdown of estimated costs.
- What financial commitment does CLLL have, and what amount of funding is needed from the City?
- An additional field would create additional impacts to the neighborhood. Area residents should have an opportunity to comment on any expansion of Sunrise Park.

If the Park Board is supportive, a formal site plan review would need to be prepared and submitted. Planning Department staff would evaluate factors including required setbacks, stormwater management, tree impacts and mitigation, parking requirements, etc.

Pat Mahr, President of CLLL is in attendance.

Mr. Mahr discussed the strong working relationship with the City of Lino Lakes and would like to discuss adding another field to Sunrise Park. He reviewed renovations completed in 2025, including remodeling fields 1 & 2 for fastpitch use, new dugouts, fencing, bases, and benches. Mr. Mahr stated they have a potential solution parking issues but don't have a drawing yet. The proposed field would be located on the left-field side of field 1.

Mr. Huelman asked whether the CLLL group plans to cover the project cost but would want labor assistance from the Parks Department. Mr. Mahr replied yes.

Mr. Gooder asked if any trees would need to be removed. Mr. Mahr replied no.

Mrs. Schmidt stated she is in favor of the additional field and noted that residents have previously had concerns regarding parking.

Mr. Gooder discussed how the CLLL helps clean up the park in fall and spring.

Mrs. Cutts is also in favor of the additional field.

Mrs. Mouser is concerned that the proposed field location seems to have flooding issues.

Mr. DeGardner stated this is a significant change to Sunrise Park and we should reach-out for residents' feedback.

The Park Board consensus is they are in favor of the new ball field if the off-street parking is addressed.

Mr. DeGardner discussed that there is another group besides CLLL that would like to use Sunrise Park for baseball games. Mr. Mahr discussed how much CLLL has invested in Sunrise Park. He stated Friday the fields are mostly open for other teams to use.

Mrs. Schmidt stated she doesn't want to see other groups shut out. When it's time for a bigger discussion, she would like to hear from the other group. I would like to keep this in mind when City Hall Park is built out.

Mr. DeGardner stated he has asked each group to provide data on how many Lino Lakes residents are registered.

Mr. Gooder asked if the middle school ball fields could be used. Mr. Mahr replied CLLL hasn't used those fields.

Mr. Huelman inquired what condition the Birch Park field is in. Mr. DeGardner replied Birch Park is considered a truly neighborhood park and the parking is very limited.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. New Pheasant Hills Playground Equipment

Mr. Rick DeGardner, summarizes the Pheasant Hills Playground equipment (originally installed in 1996) is scheduled to be replaced this Spring. The Parks Department staff will take care of the removals of the existing equipment, border, and pea gravel. The configuration of the play area will be slightly enlarged with new concrete edging installed by the Parks Department. A certified playground installer will assist the Parks Department with the installation.

Mr. Gooder asked whether the playground includes handicap accessibility. Mr. DeGardner replied that it does; with the use of wood fiber surfacing, the entire structure is ADA accessible.

Mr. Gooder asked whether the proposed color scheme has been used at other parks throughout Lino Lakes.

Mr. Huelman likes the color scheme but mentioned the park equipment could get warm. Pheasant Hills Park benefits from tree cover, which helps with shading.

Mrs. Schmidt asked what's the price for shading equipment? Mr. DeGardner replied, do you have a particular park in mind, noting that costs can vary depending on the park.

Mrs. Schmidt wants to know in general how much one shade sail would cost and suggested Lino Park would be a good candidate.

Mrs. Schmidt discussed Centennial Library parking having a transfer mate to the swings for easier access for wheelchairs. Would like to know the price of adding mates.

Mrs. Cutts expressed concerns that the playground equipment doesn't seem to have a platform from the monkey bars to the climbing wall. For a smaller child the jump could be a little too far for them.

Mrs. Schmidt stated she likes the overall look of the park and expressed interest in adding imaginary play elements in the future.

Mrs. Cutts asked if there are benches included. Mr. DeGardner replied yes, outside of the playground area.

Mr. Huelman stated he would like Shenandoah Park to have a nice entrance to the playground and since Birchwood Acres Park is in close proximity maybe add some different features to Shenandoah Park.

8. NEXT SCHEDULED PARK BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, April 1, 2026

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Huelman moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Mouser.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Thorson, Public Services Administrative Assistant

**PARK BOARD
STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 7.A.**

STAFF ORIGINATOR: Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director

MEETING DATE September 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss 2027 Park Board Goals

INTRODUCTION

It's time for the Park Board to begin discussing potential 2027 projects for City Council consideration.

BACKGROUND

Recent goals include:

2025 - Replace playground equipment at Behm's Park

Replace playground equipment at Shenandoah Park (postponed to 2026 due to stormwater project)

2026 - Replace playground equipment at Pheasant Hills Park

The City Council has met twice to discuss the 2027 budgets, with additional meetings scheduled. Currently, there is \$252,000 designated for Parks and Trails Improvements. This represents a 40% increase from the adopted 2026 amount of \$180,000. Obviously, this is subject to change up to when the 2027 final budget is adopted in December, 2026.

Since 2018, the Park Board has focused their efforts on replacing aged playground equipment throughout the parks system. Attached is an updated summary of our playground equipment inventory.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED DIRECTION

For discussion purposes only.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Existing Playground Replacement Priority August 2026

EXISTING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

PARK	YEAR INSTALLED	LL HOMES WITHIN 1/2 MILE	CLOSEST PARK
Sunset Oaks Park	1993	243	Behms Park - .6 Miles
Wenzel Farms Park	1996	704	Marshan Park - .3 Miles
City Hall Park	1997	173	Lino Park - 1.3 Miles
Marshan Park	1999	578	Wenzel Farms Park - .3 Miles
Arena Acres Park	1999	173	Highland Meadows Park - 1.2 Miles
Highland Meadows Park	2003	717	Lino Park - .6 Miles
NorthPointe Park	2018		
Birch Park	2018		
Sunrise Park	2019		
Woods Edge Park	2020		
Lino Park	2021		
Clearwater Creek Park	2022		
Woods of Baldwin Park	2023		
Birchwood Acres Park	2024		
Brandywood Park	2024		
Watermark Park	2024		
Behms Park	2025		
Pheasant Hills Park	2026		
Shenandoah Park	2026		



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