



PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Call Meeting to Order: The Baldwin Park Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Zac Good at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Zac Good, Vice Chair Sarah Koste, and Committee members Mary Larson, Robb Rydmark, and Lester Kriesel.

Also present: City Council Liaison Tom Rush

Approval of Agenda:

Add under New Business:

e.) Parking Lot Lights at Young Park

f.) Young Park Boulders

Mary Larson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Lester Kriesel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2025:

Zac Good made a motion to approve the August 21, 2025 Park Committee meeting minutes as written. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

PLAT: None.

Tabled Items:

Trail Signs

Public Works has not completed the mileage for the new trail signs. There are no updated proofs at this time.

Lester Kriesel made a motion to table the trail signs until the October 16, 2025 Park Committee meeting. Zac Good seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Wetland Delineation Update

Engineering has completed the Wetland Delineation map for Young Park. There are three proposed trails that have an impact on the wetland area. The city will need to buy credits from the county to continue the proposed trails with crushed granite.

Robb Rydmark asked what the cost of a credit is. Tom Rush stated he was not sure and Zac Good stated it was pretty expensive.

Tom Rush stated that the city has to do a wetland delineation every 5 to 10 years. The last time this was done was either 2014 or 2015. The crushed granite has not been updated on the trails since 2012. The city has asked to do the wetland delineation to get approval for the crushed granite on all trails, as well as see if there could be additions to proposed trails.

Zac Good stated that the proposed trails are in the southwest corner, and the middle trail that faces east to west. Those trails would need to remain grass in order to have no impact on the wetland.

Tom Rush stated that once the City Council approves, the crushed granite would be able to be completed next spring.

Zac Good motioned to approve the change in the wetland delineation map with the removal of the southwest corner trail and the removal of the middle east to west trail. Sarah Koste seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Park Dedication Fees

The Park Committee requested to view park dedication fees from other cities to see if Baldwin was in line with cost. Deputy Clerk, Kayla Nielsen, provided the Park Committee with a breakdown of park dedication fees for surrounding cities. After reviewing the fees, the Park Committee has determined that the park dedication fee should be raised.

Tom Rush stated looking at population, Baldwin has a higher population than the surrounding cities and some of the surrounding cities have a higher park dedication fee.

Robb Rydmark stated we should be closer to fees in Big Lake and Zimmerman. Robb Rydmark proposed \$2250.

Robb Rydmark motioned to approve changing the Park Dedication fee to \$2250. Lester Kriesel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discuss Cameras at Young Park

The cameras at Young Park are working well. They are at two different angles overlooking the parking lot. Young Park has not had any issues with vandalism recently. Zac Good stated that the quality is not the best when you are trying to view an issue at the park. Zac Good stated it might be a good idea to look for a security service with better quality cameras for the future.

The Park Committee discussed how the current cameras work and the pros and cons of what we currently own.

Robb Rydmark suggested we discuss which angle all the cameras should be facing, examples are facing the ball field, the pavilion, the playground and the entrance to the parking lot.

Tom Rush stated this is something that could be researched over the winter months and is only for discussion at this time.

Park Rentals

There have been 14 park rentals this summer. One weekend had 2 rentals. We have received a few requests to have 2 rentals on the same day. Those requests were denied due to Public Works not being able to clean the park between rentals. The Park Ordinance does not state that there can only be one rental on any given weekend, however it is very hard for Public Works to clean between rentals as they do not work on weekends.

Zac Good made a motion to have one park rental per day and have the park ordinance updated to reflect that.

Mary Larson asked if the ordinance could be updated to reflect first payment received to reserve.

Robb Rydmark asked who is going to clean up the park in between rentals if a Saturday and a Sunday are booked. Zac Good stated a Public Works employee would.

Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Young Park Parking Lot Lights

The City of Baldwin is requesting quotes for a parking lot lighting project at Young Park. The project scope includes three replacement parking lot lights on the existing

poles, one new pole with a single light head, and one new pole with a double-head light.

Zac Good stated that the current light poles have old lights and was recommended by the electricians to replace them with new lights.

Quotes are currently coming in and will be reviewed by the City Council on Monday, September 22, 2025.

Young Park Boulders

Public Works has requested quotes for adding boulders around the new parking lot at Young Park. This is for safety purposes so that vehicles cannot accidentally crash into the playground or the pavilion. The city received 3 quotes. Plaisted Companies quoted 30 tons of field stone with delivery for \$2800 or 20 tons of field stone and delivery with boulder placing for \$2200. Troy quoted \$2200 for 1 to 2 truckloads of boulders and delivery.

Lester Kriesel made a motion to approve Plaisted's 20-ton quote with boulder placing for \$2200. Sarah Koste seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Young Park and Goose Lake Parking Lots

The parking lot extension at Young Park and the black top at Goose Lake Park have been completed. Rum River Contracting also restored the stripes on the existing parking lot at Young Park.

Tom Rush suggested adding a gate across the driveway portion that goes up to the brown shed. This is for safety reasons and to keep residents from parking in that area.

Zac Good stated there are many different posts and gates that could work in this area.

Mary Larson made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for a gate across the driveway area to the brown shed. Robb Rydmark seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan: None

Park Updates, City Council Liaison Tom Rush:

Tom Rush stated the City Council met to go over the budget for next year. Tom Rush stated a lot of work has been done at Young Park this year. The park budget does not need to increase. Tom Rush stated the park budget for this year has an ending balance of \$50,000 with just a few more invoices needed to be paid before the end of the year.

Tom Rush stated that next year a goal could be to add a scoreboard on the ballfield for Young Park. Sarah Koste asked about updating the dugouts at the ballfield.

Robb Rydmark asked about adding another park on the west side of 169.

Other Business:

Lester Kriesel brought a map of Baldwin Township from 1914.

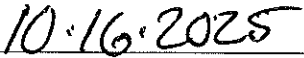
Baldwin FunFest is this weekend, Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Adjourn Meeting –

***Zac Good made a motion to adjourn the Park Committee meeting at 8:43 pm.
Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***



Submitted by: Kayla Nielsen
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



Date



Approved by: Zac Good
Chair

Attendees: Alternate members Rosie Walker and Jackie Faddler and Alan Walker.