



## REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 5/6/2025  
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

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**Department Origination:** Administration

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**Agenda Item:** Approve Special Event Application for Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association for their Battle at the Lakes Baseball Tournament on June 6-8, June 13-15, and June 20-22 at Oscar Kristofferson Park Ball Fields

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**Approval Required:** Simple Majority Vote

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### **BACKGROUND**

Since 2021, the Brainerd Baxter Brainerd Baseball Association (BBBA) has annually hosted an event known as the Battle at the Lakes Tournament. The event, which occurs over multiple weekends, is a collection of several baseball tournaments that is held in various locations within the two communities (Forestview Middle School, Central Lakes College, Brainerd High School, and Oscar Kristofferson Park). Oscar Kristofferson Park is the designated location for the younger age group tournaments (11 and under, 10 and under, & 9 and under), which are scheduled to be held on the following weekends in 2025:

- June 6-8
- June 13-15
- June 20-22

The BBBA is required to obtain a special event permit for the following reasons: utilization of the warming house, the ability to have selected food vendors, and the commitment from the City for the preparation of the fields prior to and between games each day. The BBBA does provide volunteers that assist with other field maintenance before and after games, as well as general daily trash pickup around the ball fields.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Parks budget includes the costs related to the services requested for the event. The BBBA does give an annual donation to assist with the costs affiliated with event.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends approval of the special event permit.

### **COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve the BBBA's Special Event Application for the Battle at the Lakes Tournament to be held on June 6-8, June 13-15, and June 20-22 at the Oscar Kristofferson Park Ball Fields.