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# **Planning Commission Recommendation for Public Vacation (Blandin Beach)**

## **Municipal Street ROW**

***6<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Rapids Second Division***

**April 27, 2026**



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# Public Vacation Request

## Key Points from the Staff Report:

- **Subject area is a platted street ROW (unimproved)**
- **Vacation is needed to facilitate a Parks Dept DNR grant**
- **Request has undergone staff and committee review**
- **Not needed for a public ROW purpose**



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- **Initiated by: City staff**
- **Filing Date: March 12, 2026**
- **Requested Vacation: platted street ROW**

**Reason for Request: Planned improvements to Blandin Beach would sit in the ROW.**

- **Legally Described Vacation Request:**

**6<sup>th</sup> Street NW right-of-way Adjacent to Blocks 8 and 9, Grand Rapids Second Division, Itasca County, Minnesota.**

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**Subject area:**

- **ROW in red.**





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## Subject area:

- **Utilities and easements in the area**





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## Staff Review Committee:

- **Staff review committee consists of: Engineering/Public Works Department, Community Development Department, Fire Department, Police Department, and the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission.**
- **No issues/concerns with vacating - the municipal street right-of-way is not needed for a public ROW purpose.**



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## Planning Commission Findings:

- **Staff review committee consists of: Engineering/Public Works Department, Community Development Department, Fire Department, Police Department, and the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission.**
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## Planning Commission Considerations:

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Considerations

### RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATIONS

1. Is the right-of-way needed for traffic purposes?  
Why/Why not?
  
2. Is the right-of-way needed for pedestrian purposes?  
Why/Why not?
  
3. Is the right-of-way needed for utility purposes?  
Why/Why not?
  
4. Would vacating the right-of-way place additional land on the tax rolls?  
Why/Why not?
  
5. Would vacating the right-of-way facilitate economic development in the City?  
Why/Why not?



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## **Planning Commission Recommendation / Findings:**

- The right-of-way is not needed for traffic purposes.
- The right-of-way is not needed for pedestrian purposes,
- The right-of-way is not needed for utility purposes.
- Vacating the right-of-way will not lead to putting additional land on the tax rolls – it is a shift from ROW to park.
- Vacating the right-of-way will support improvements to public spaces near the Hwy 2 project and could attract future development.



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# Questions?