

Commissioner 2026 Budget Questions - July 2, 2025

Question #	Commissioner	Question	Fund	Division	Attachment	Staff Response
1	Menz	What are other city residents paying for Parks compared to the MPRB?	n/a	n/a	1	Attached are comparisons for the amount of total city tax allocated to parks that staff was able to find. MPRB is 17% of the total City of Minneapolis property tax. In addition, the Trust for Public Land - Park Score Index includes the per capita investment in parks for the 100 largest cities. This information is available on their website at https://www.tpl.org/parkscore
2	Menz	What are the 22 youth positions that were added with the \$2.6 million youth investment? Please include job descriptions	General	Recreation/ Environmental Stewardship	2	See attachment

Percentage of City Property Taxes Allocated to Parks

City	Percent of Property Tax Levy
Minneapolis	17%
Shakopee	14%
Plymouth	8%
Brooklyn Park	8%
Edina	10%
Golden Valley	4%

Attachment 2

Youth Investment - \$2.6 million - Staffing

Department	Job Title With Link to Job Descriptions	FTE
Youth and Recreation Center Programs	Youth Program Specialist*	8
Youth and Recreation Center Programs	Recreation Program Lead	4
Youth and Recreation Center Programs	Recreation Program Lead - Intergenerational	1
Youth and Recreation Center Programs	Youth Technology & Career Skills Manager (Spark'd Studios)	1
Youth and Recreation Center Programs	Youth Technology & Career Skills Specialist (Spark'd Studios)	6
Environmental Management	Naturalist Program Coordinator	2
Total		22

*Three vacant positions held for 2025 and 2026 to close youth investment gap.