



CITY OF BLAINE

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RECOGNIZING PARK BOARD CHAIR JEFFREY BIRD RECIPIENT OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA'S PARK & RECREATION PARK BOARD/COMMISSION AWARD

WHEREAS, Jeff Bird has been a member of the City of Blaine Park Board since 2004 and Chair of the Park Board for the last four years; and

WHEREAS, In his 13 years of service on the Park Board he has been involved with the planning, financing and development of 12 new parks in the City, including Town Square Park, the Miracle Field at Little League Park, Lakeside Commons and the Lexington Athletic Park; and

WHEREAS, Jeff has a great passion for parks and recreation that goes back to his days working for the Columbia Heights Parks and Recreation Department and he continues to work with our local youth athletic associations, eagle scouts and volunteers at numerous park and recreation special events; and

WHEREAS, Jeff makes it a habit to visit all 65 parks in the City at least twice a year to see check their condition and observe who their users are. Jeff is grateful to the community for their support of Blaine Safety Camp and reducing the risk of unintentional injury to Blaine youth; and

WHEREAS, The City wishes to extend its congratulations to Jeff Bird for being selected for the Minnesota Park & Recreation Board/Commission Award.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Blaine does hereby recognize Park Board Chair Jeffrey Bird for his dedication to our community and the Park Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Blaine to be affixed on this 16th day of February, 2017.

Tom Ryan, Mayor