



**City of Blaine**  
**Anoka County, Minnesota**  
**Minutes - Final**

10801 Town Square Drive  
Blaine, MN 55449

**Park Advisory Board**

*Chair Jeffrey Bird, Prad Das, Jeffrey Lester, Rex Markle,  
Christine Pribbernow,  
Karen Varian, Tom Walsdorf*

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Tuesday, February 24, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**1. Call To Order**

The Blaine Park Advisory Board met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

**2. Roll Call**

**1.** Chair Bird called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Present: Nate Monahan, Program Supervisor, Program Supervisor Shari Kunza, Public Services Manager Bob Therres

Guest: None

**Present:** 7 - Chair Bird, Lester, Pribbernow, Das, Leathers, Varian, and Markle

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**3.-1** [MIN 15-07](#) APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2015 PARK BOARD MINUTES

Commissioner Pribbernow noted on page 2, paragraph 1, noted the Central Lions Club did not host the first ever Night to Unite Event but rather participated as a group in the event for the first time.

Commissioner Varian noted on page 2, item 5.2 Commissioner Lester provided an update on behalf of the Community Center Task Force.

**Motion by Commissioner Markle to approve the minutes of January 27, 2015 as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Leathers. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Bird, Lester, Pribbernow, Das, Leathers, Varian, and Markle

**4. Open Forum for Citizen Input**

Chair Bird opened the Open Forum at 7:05 p.m.

No one appeared to address the Park Board

Chair Bird closed Open Forum at 7:07 p.m.

**5. New Business**

**5.-1 [PB 15-07](#)**

**NEW HARPERS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING AT 6:00PM IN THE CLOVERLEAF ROOM**

Program Supervisor Monahan reviewed a letter was sent out to all residents around Harper Park. A neighborhood meeting was held prior to the Park Board Meeting this evening. Staff had displays and options for the neighborhood to give feedback on what they would like to see in the park. The new play equipment and amenities should be in the park by August 2015. If residents were unable to attend the meeting, they were invited to provide their input on an online survey.

**Discussed**

**5.-2 [PB 15-08](#)**

**STAFF REPORT ON FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS**

Program Supervisor Shari Kunza presented a PowerPoint summary of the 2014 fall recreation programs. She reviewed World Fest, Sounds of the City and the City's 50th Birthday Party. She reviewed the sponsors and attendance for each event. World Fest will be May 16, 2015 this year. The youth programs held were reviewed. There were 42 adult programs offered. The senior center had 9335 participants for the programs. The facility use was reviewed.

Chair Bird thanked Ms. Kunza for her presentation and added it is nice to see the numbers of participants in the events. He asked if there have been any programs at Lochness. Mr. Monahan stated there was an attempt to have a Disc Golf tournament but the interest was not there to hold the tournaments.

Commissioner Das asked if more soccer fields were being added off 109th. Mr. Monahan stated there will be 20 additional soccer fields. The National Sports Center is adding the fields to enable their soccer tournaments to have more games. They will continue to use the Blaine fields. Commissioner Das asked if high schools were charged to use the Blaine fields and Mr. Monahan stated the high schools do pay but sometimes swaps are made for gym use for City programs.

**Discussed**

**5.-3 [PB 15-09](#)**

**COMMUNITY CENTER TASK FORCE UPDATE**

Public Services Manager Bob Therres reviewed the Task Force has been meeting for 10 months with its first meeting being in May 2014. They have been researching and touring other community's centers

and found what worked and what didn't work. The Council has authorized some funds for the Task Force and a survey is being done. The first draft will be reviewed next week. The results of the survey are to be published in May 2015.

Commissioner Das asked if there was a budget for the Community Center and Mr. Therres stated the current status is for fact-finding and after that is done, a budget will be created. The goal of the Task Force is to make recommendations to the City Council for a possible ballot vote.

**Discussed**

**5.-4** [MO 15-027](#)

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT QUINCY PARK**

Program Supervisor Monahan reviewed Quincy Park Playground equipment is 17 years old and is in need of replacement. The cost of this playground with installation will be \$60,000. The funds for this playground will come from the Capital Improvement Fund interest that City Council approved for improvements of mini and neighborhood parks in the amount of \$200,000 a year over the next 4 years.

Staff exercised the purchasing practice of U.S. Communities Government Alliance and chose the playground equipment line manufactured by GameTime and supplied by Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground. This improvement will also include playcurb, fiber and benches.

A drawing showing the design and detail of the playground was provided for Board review. Commissioner Leathers noticed in the drawing an ADA swing and asked if that would be included and Mr. Monahan stated it would be included.

**Motion by Commissioner Das to recommend the City Council accept the playground equipment plan for Quincy Park proposed by Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground at a cost not to exceed \$60,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lester. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Bird, Lester, Pribbernow, Das, Leathers, Varian, and Markle

**5.-5** **PB 15-10**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT WESTWOOD PARK**

Program Supervisor Monahan reviewed Westwood Park Playground equipment is 22 years old and is need of replacement. The cost of this playground with installation will be \$30,000. The funds for this playground will come from the Capital Improvement Fund interest that City Council approved for the improvements of mini and

neighborhood parks in the amount of \$200,000 a year over the next 4 years.

Staff exercised the purchasing practice of U.S. Communities Government Alliance and chose the playground equipment line manufactured by GameTime and supplied by Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground. This improvement will also include playcurb, fiber, and benches.

A drawing of the design and detail of the playground was provided for Board review.

Commissioner Das asked if the same type of equipment presently there would be replaced and Mr. Monahan stated it would be basically the same equipment with a few updates.

Commissioner Markle asked if the City would be doing any of the labor and Mr. Monahan stated the only thing the City will do is to remove the old equipment and MN/WI Playground will install the new equipment.

**Motion by Commissioner Markle to recommend the City Council accept the playground equipment plan for Westwood Park proposed by Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Leathers Motion approved unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Bird, Lester, Pribbernow, Das, Leathers, Varian, and Markle

## 5.-6 [PB 15-11](#)

### THE GREEN PARK FEATURE

Program Supervisor Monahan reviewed this month's feature park is The Green Park. This is the 60th park presentation to the Park Board. In 2003, a .9-acre parcel of land in Club West was developed into what is now known as The Green Park. This mini park was completed in June of 2004. The Green Park is one of 5 parks that were developed in the Club West area. This park has a Gazebo, trails, benches, landscaping, irrigation, and many trees. The cost of the park was \$119,365.

Commissioner Leathers asked if the community is doing any work in this park as they do in other parks. Mr. Monahan stated the park is maintained by the Club West Association.

**Discussed**

## 5.-7 [PB 15-12](#)

### APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING PARK BOARD MEMBER RON LEATHERS

Program Supervisor Monahan stated City Staff would like to thank Ron Leathers for his 7½ years of service to the Park Board. Ron gave

great insight, financial expertise and humor to many park items and issues over the years. Staff has prepared a proclamation that Park Board chair Bird will present to Ron Leathers. Chair Bird read the proclamation in recognition of Ron Leathers.

Commissioner Markle thanked Commissioner Leathers for his service and appreciates his being on the Board. Commissioner Das stated Commissioner Leathers will especially be missed during the CIP process. Chair Bird stated Commissioner Leathers was one of the great members of the Park Board.

Commissioner Leathers thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the citizens. He took the job very seriously. There were interesting discussions and challenges. He feels they were able to do some very good things for the citizens of Blaine.

**Discussed**

**5.-8** [PB 15-13](#)

**OTHER**

Program Supervisor Monahan reviewed:

Superhero Carnival - Come join us for our Super Hero Carnival! Your child can dress up like their favorite Super Hero and fly around and try activities that include: carnival games, bingo, crafts, face painting, tattoos, coloring sheets, relay races - all with our Super Hero Theme! What kid won't love this? We will also have a few Super Heroes walking around for pictures and a photo backdrop for some additional photos. Don't forget your camera! Refreshments provided. Maximum 100. Event held at Blue Heron Elementary School. Ages 10 and under with a parent/adult. Register by February 23 or when spaces fill. Event will be held Saturday, February 28 10-11:30 a.m. Fee \$8/resident, \$9/non-resident.

Child's Art Workshop - Free to grades K-5. The Blaine Arts Council is celebrating Children's Art Month by inviting area youth to Blaine City Hall to create a masterpiece under the guidance of professional artists. Children will create an original work of art using provided supplies. Artwork will be displayed at City Hall in March for public viewing. There is no fee, but register by February 20 to reserve your space. Limited to 40 participants. Projects will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. Parents must stay with their children. Saturday, February 28, 1 p.m., Blaine City Hall.

New Park Board Member: Tom Walsdorf will be sworn in at the March 2015 Park Board meeting.

**Discussed**

**Adjournment**

**Commissioner Leathers motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Pribbernow seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Chair Bird adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Bird, Lester, Pribbernow, Das, Leathers, Varian, and Markle