



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes

10801 Town Square Drive
Blaine, MN 55449

Park Advisory Board

Chair Jeffrey Bird, Jennifer Bingle, Prad Das, Jeff Lester, Rex Markle, Karen Varian and Tom Walsdorf

The Park Board is an advisory body to the city council. One of the board's functions is to hold public meetings and make recommendations to the city council. For each item, the board will receive reports prepared by city staff, provide the opportunity for public response, conduct board discussions and make recommendations. The city council, however, makes all final decisions on these matters.

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call To Order

The Blaine Park Advisory Board met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

1. Vice Chair Markle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff Present: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager

Present: 6 - Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Varian, Walsdorf, Commissioner Markle, and Commissioner Bingle

Absent: 1 - Chair Bird

3. Approval of Minutes

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APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 22, 2017 PARK BOARD MINUTES

Attachments: [08-22-17Pk](#)

Motion by Commissioner Lester, to approve the minutes of August 22, 2017 as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Walsdorf. Motion approved unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Varian, Walsdorf, Commissioner Markle, and Commissioner Bingle

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

Vice Chair Markle opened the Open Forum at 7:03 p.m.

No one appeared to address the Commission.

Vice Chair Markle closed Open Forum at 7:04 p.m.

5. New Business

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SECOND READING

RECOMMENDATION FOR ESTABLISHING 2018 PARK DEDICATION FEES FOR THE CITY OF BLAINE

Attachments: 2017 Comparative Park Dedication Fees

Recreation Manager Monahan reviewed revenue for the capital improvement plan comes from park dedication fees required of all new residential, commercial and industrial development. Park dedication fees are adjusted annually by the percentage of increase in the fair market value of undeveloped land within the City with an annual increase not to exceed 10%. The Park Board recommended the City Council approve a 10% residential increase, no increase for commercial, and 10% industrial increase for 2017 park dedication fees.

The current park dedication fee structure is:

- \$4114/per residential unit
- \$8704/acre of commercial development
- \$6,702/acre of industrial development

Blaine ranks 8th out of 14 in residential fees for metro cities, in the middle for commercial fees and no other city breaks out industrial fees.

Staff is recommending a 3% increase for residential, and keep commercial and Industrial as it is now with no increase.

Commissioner Walsdorf asked for the recent history that was approved. Mr. Monahan stated for the last three years Residential has been increased 10%, Commercial has been increased 5% and Industrial has been increased 25%.

Commissioner Varian asked if Blaine’s rank has changed over the last year and Mr. Monahan stated Blaine has moved up past Maple Grove. Staff has not seen any increases for other cities yet.

Commissioner Das asked why Blaine separates Commercial and Industrial while other cities do not. Mr. Monahan stated that was set forth by the City Council years ago. Commissioner Das recommended commercial and Industrial be lumped together into one category with a 5% increase. He also requested residential be increased 5%.

Commissioner Lester asked for 2018 how many estimated houses will be built. Mr. Monahan stated typically there are 500 single family homes constructed. An apartment complex may also be constructed.

Commissioner Walsdorf asked for an example of recent Industrial development in Blaine and Mr. Monahan stated there really hasn't been any recently. There are some sites available. Commissioner Walsdorf asked if Blaine receives any revenue from the new SLP school going in near the NSC. Mr. Monahan stated Blaine receives the revenue depending on what the plat is zoned. Commissioner Walsdorf asked if the CIP is aggressive and whether there is a lot of money. Mr. Monahan stated for 2018 it is anticipated that Glen Meadows will develop which would amount to \$250,000. After this year, the last \$100,000 was paid for the parking lot at the beach. There is also payment for the land for the athletic complex. Commissioner Walsdorf stated he would not be against raising the park dedication fees 3%.

Commissioner Varian asked if a 3% increase would change where Blaine falls in the ranking. She stated she supports the staff recommendation raising residential 3% and leaving commercial and industrial alone.

Vice Chair Markle stated as discussed previously a 3%, 5% or 10% increase is not a deal breaker on any move that is going to be made. Blaine falls in the middle as far as residential, and he feels Blaine is in the right range. He feels the 3-5% range would make sense. He would like to see the Industrial increase to get closer to where the Commercial is presently.

Commissioner Das asked why staff is only recommending 3% and not 5%. Mr. Monahan stated based on conversations with Brian Schafer, he thought a cost of living increase would be appropriate to stay competitive with other cities.

Commissioner Walsdorf noted it would be a 29% increase to bring Industrial up to the Commercial rate. Commissioner Das stated he would like to recommend to Council merging Industrial and Commercial. Vice Chair Markle stated that would be sending a mixed message to Council.

Motion by Commissioner Varian, to recommend to City Council to establish park dedication fees for 2018 with an increase of 5% for residential/unit, 0% for commercial/acre and 0% for industrial/acre. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lester. Motion approved unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Varian, Walsdorf, Commissioner Markle, and Commissioner Bingle

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STAFF REPORT ON THE 2017 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Recreation Manager Monahan presented a power point summary of the 2017 Summer Recreation Programs. He noted this will be the last year for the Annual Blaine Triathlon. He showed a slide show of the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Grand Opening on August 15, 2017.

Vice Chair Markle commended Mr. Monahan and his staff on all these programs.

Commissioner Varian stated she received some tweets about the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary. Interpretive signs will be placed within the next couple of years.

Informational; no action required.

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UPDATES

Recreation Manager Monahan provided updates as follows:

Happy Acres Roof Replacement - There was a delay in this project due to hail damage. Insurance covered the replacement and should be replaced within the next week.

League of MN Cities Insurance Storm Update - Still awaiting on the insurance claim. There were 20 parks in the line of the storm.

Centennial Green Playground Installation - This should be updated and installed next week.

Dog Park Clean-up - This will be held Thursday Sept 28, 2017 from 6-7pm. The trail should be done within the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner Das asked where the Centennial Green Playground is and Mr. Monahan stated it's located on Austin Street near Fleet Farm.

Commissioner Varian stated she received a call from a resident today about Happy Acres bridge and there is graffiti on it. She has referred to staff and

it will be painted again.

Informational; no action required.

Adjournment

Commissioner Das motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Bingle seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Vice Chair Markle adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Varian, Walsdorf, Commissioner Markle, and Commissioner Bingle