



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes - Final

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Park Advisory Board

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, August 27, 2013

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call To Order

The Blaine Park Advisory Board met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, August 27, 2013.

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

2. Roll Call

Staff Present: Nate Monahan, Program Supervisor and Jerome Krieger, Program Supervisor, Bob Therres, Public Services Manager.

Guest: Christine Pribbernow

Present: 6 - Markle, Chair Bird, Das, Leathers, Langenfeld, and Lester

3. Approval of Minutes

3.-1 [TMP 13-1164](#)

JULY 2013 MINUTES

Sponsors: Krieger

Attachments: [JULY13 minutes.doc](#)

Moved by Leathers, seconded by Markle, that the Minutes be Approved. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

None.

5. New Business**5.-1 [TMP 13-1165](#)****UPDATES**

Sponsors: Krieger and Monahan

Program Supervisor Krieger stated since the last meeting in July, Mr. Godfrey took a position with the City of Minneapolis. He stated right now they were down a supervisor, which position has been posted. He stated the applications were in and HR was in the process of looking at the applications. He stated they hoped to have someone in place by the first week of October.

Chair Bird thanked Mr. Godfrey for his work for the City and he wished him well.

Program Supervisor Krieger stated the Ward 2 Park Board Member vacancy has been filled by Christine Pribbernow who will be at the September meeting. Chair Bird welcomed the new Commissioner.

Program Supervisor Monahan summarized the Lakeside Commons Beach Park numbers from 2010 - 2013. He noted he attributed the lower numbers in 2013 to the cool spring. He stated the park revenue had remained steady over the years. The boat revenue had increased noting that paddle boats had been added in 2013. The concession revenues were consistent. The part-time recreational staff costs had increased considerably with new staff added in 2013 to oversee the overflow parking lot. He stated they settled the agreement with the developer of Lakes 1000 who agreed to give the City the 1.5 acre lot next to the park. He stated the parking improvement would need to be paid for which a rough estimate was \$200,000. Chair Bird requested the Commissioners receive the CIP for next month earlier than they see the agenda so they have additional time to review it.

Commissioner Leathers asked how did the new parking lot numbers compare to the overflow parking numbers. Monahan stated previously they had about 90 stalls, which was good for all but five days and this year they had 125 stalls, which was good for all but one day.

Commissioner Das asked how many people a day would normally use the parking lot and overflow lot for the triathlon event. Monahan stated they would need to look at alternatives for the triathlon. He noted beach wise they were good, but they would need to look at parking alternatives.

Program Supervisor Monahan stated Legacy Creek Park was being

maintained by Peterson Companies because there is still some work to be done. He hoped to have a walkthrough in September to accept the park from them and pay them the last five percent of the contract.

Chair Bird asked if they had begun grading and the road past the park. He asked if they would have curb cut in parking before winter. Program Supervisor Monahan responded there would be five stalls on the street parking, cut out just like Lakeside Park. He stated this was in the design and it should be done by winter.

Program Supervisor Krieger stated with respect to Aquatore they had discussions with the Coon Creek Watershed District who wanted to keep the elevations the same as possible as the outfield. He stated they received cost analysis back which determined it would be more expensive to do it the way Coon Creek Watershed District wanted to do it rather than the way staff was proposing. He stated the next step would be a TEP meeting with the District where the City would propose what they wanted to do. He believed if they get approval from the TEP Board, they should be able to get approval from the Watershed District which would allow the city to start moving forward with the project.

Chair Bird asked how much more expensive was the estimate for the proposed District's plan. Program Supervisor Krieger responded it was \$30,000 to \$35,000 more than estimated.

Program Supervisor Krieger stated since the last meeting, they met with Carlson McKane and they were going to work on a final site plan for the Lexington Athletic Complex. He summarized for the Board what they were proposing for the Athletic Complex.

Commissioner Leathers stated if they were concerned about people accessing the neighborhood through the park and if so, what would be done about that. Program Supervisor Krieger responded there would be a right turn in only off of Lexington. He stated they have discussed traffic going through here and they have already talked about painting crosswalks as well as limiting the speed limit. They hoped not allowing parking on the street would also solve some problems. He stated they would be monitoring this and the Park Patrol would be at the complex a lot. He stated if it became necessary, they might need a Service Officer to tag people from going through there.

Commissioner Leathers asked if the street would be posted as a no through street. He stated this might be an issue that would resolve itself, but he would like to see options that were enforceable as well as design work to keep speeds low. Program Supervisor Krieger

responded they had engineering on board with this and it would be addressed in detail.

Chair Bird asked how many parking spots were at the Baseball Complex. Krieger responded he believed the Baseball Complex had more parking. He stated the reasoning behind the additional parking was if they took the multi-purpose field and added smaller games, which would increase parking.

Commissioner Das asked if there could be stop lights put in. Public Services Manager Therres responded it was highly unlikely as Lexington was a County Road and there were County guidelines for placing signals. He stated there were signals in the area and it the entrance was located where it was in accordance with the County guidelines.

Discussed

5.-2 [TMP 13-1166](#)

PALMER PARK NARRATIVE

Attachments: [Palmer Park.pdf](#)

Program Supervisor Monahan updated the Board on Palmer Park. He noted this park was a 2.1 acre park and was considered a “mini” park which was established in 2001. He noted there was a shelter, picnic tables, trails, and playground at this park.

Chair Bird stated the smaller neighborhood parks might not have the same fame as the other parks, but the smaller parks were a good addition to the neighborhoods and they served their purpose.

Discussed

5.-3 [TMP 13-1167](#)

OTHER

Sponsors: Krieger

Attachments: [World Fest Flyer \(Master Copy\).pdf](#)

Program Supervisor Krieger stated the Sixth Annual Blaine World Fest would be held on Saturday, September 21 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Town Square Park. He noted the event was free. He stated this year they would be selling a \$5.00 punch card for the food which would allow people to try food from each vendor once.

Discussed

6. Old Business

None.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Das motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Langenfeld second the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Chair Bird adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.