



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

10801 Town Square Drive  
Blaine, MN 55449

**Park Advisory Board**

*Chair Jeffrey Bird, Rex Markle,  
Prad Das,  
Ron Leathers,  
Jeffrey Lester,  
Christine Pribbernow,  
Karen Varian*

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Tuesday, July 22, 2014

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, July 22, 2014.

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

**2. Roll Call**

Staff Present: Nate Monahan, Program Supervisor

Guest: None.

**Present:** 6 - Chair Bird, Markle, Pribbernow, Das, Leathers, and Varian

**Absent:** 1 - Lester

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**3.-1 [MIN 14-26](#)**

**APPROVAL OF MAY 27, 2014 PARK BOARD MINUTES**

**Sponsors:** Monahan

**Attachments:** [May Minutes.doc](#)

**Approved**

**4. Open Forum for Citizen Input**

Chair Bird opened the Open Forum at 7:02 p.m.

Chair Bird closed Open Forum at 7:03 p.m.

**5. New Business**

5.-1 [PB 14-23](#)**PARK UPDATES**

**Sponsors:** Monahan

Park Supervisor Monahan provided updates on the following parks:

Aurelia Park - the Park has one tennis court and one full basketball court. The only thing left to do is to put up the posts for the tennis net and the posts for the net. The court is striped for both pickle ball and tennis. Staff has received compliments from the neighbors. The playground structures were also replaced. The metal roof has been ordered for the park building and construction will begin as soon as the roof is received. Staff is contemplating changing the color of the park building. Color choices will be brought to the Park Board for comments.

Commissioner Das asked if the tennis court and basketball courts came with some warranty. Mr. Monahan stated Tom Scott has taken the lead on this project and he will ask Tom and bring it back to the next meeting. Chair Bird asked if there has been any resident feedback on Aurelia. Mr. Monahan stated one resident came and asked when things were going to begin in the Park. Another resident was concerned when the playground was taken down that it would not be replaced. Chair Bird asked if there has been any issues with vandalism during the construction. Mr. Monahan stated there has been no issues during construction. The Park Patrol stops by the Park every evening. The Engineering Department will be working on the replacement of the parking lot. There may also be some turf and irrigation done depending on how much of the funds remain.

Legacy Creek Park - The drain tile is in and done. There has been one significant rain since the drain tile has been installed. Staff will continue to watch it. Staff is confident the job was done well and there will not be any more problems. Some trees will be planted in the Park.

Aquatore Park Field #1 - The relocation is slowly moving along. The stumps were removed from the field and fill was brought in. Once the settlement stage is done work will continue. The hope is to begin playing in 2015 on the field.

Lexington Athletic Complex - Currently grading is being done along with utility work. The wiring and concrete phase will begin after grading and utility work. The project is expected to be completed by late summer 2015.

Lakeside Commons Parking Lot - The second coat and painting of

stripes will be done after the beach is closed. This will be done in the fall. Commissioner Markle asked if there are temporary lines in the parking lot and Mr. Monahan stated there are.

**Informational: no action required**

5.-2 [PB 14-24](#)

**Lakeside Park Feature**

**Sponsors:** Monahan

**Attachments:** [Lakeside Park.pdf](#)

Park Supervisor Monahan reviewed this month's feature park is Lakeside Park. A narrative and powerpoint was presented. This is the 55th Park presented to the park board.

In 2003, a 2.7 acre parcel of land in Club West was developed in to what is now known as Lakeside Park. The park was completed in July of 2004. Lakeside Park is one of 5 parks that were developed in the Club West area. Lakeside Park is a unique part that has a beautiful wooden bridge, an island along with a playground, half basketball court, grills, shelter, trails, benches and picnic tables. The cost of the park was \$153,500 and including the bridge at \$200,000 the total came in at \$353,500. The park is very popular for basketball, walkers and runners using the trails and many picnics are held at the shelter throughout the summer. Staff is looking at possibly resurfacing the basketball court.

Commissioner Leathers stated some time ago there was a discussion about a crosswalk coming off Davenport. It seems to have self-resolved.

**Informational: no action required**

5.-3 [PB 14-25](#)**OTHER**

**Sponsors:** Monahan

**Attachments:** [TriFlyerKids14.pdf](#)

Park Supervisor Monahan provided updates on the following:

Family Fun Night Recap - This was held Tuesday, July 15 with 725 kids and 2000 total attendees. There were inflatables, the fire department, carnival games, concessions and sponsors and vendors. The Blaine residents come out for this free event.

Kids Triathlon - This will be held Saturday, July 26 at 8:00am. This is a mini version of the big triathlon held in May. Intern Josh and other staff will be at Lakeside Commons Park to set up prior to the event. 88 kids are registered for the event. There will be five waves starting the race. The older kids will be starting first. Commissioner Das thanked Nate for his hard work on this and the other events. The adult triathlon has been moved to September, the weekend after Labor Day starting in 2015.

Commissioner Leathers thanked Nate for dealing with the issues at Legacy Creek. The City's responsiveness to the residents was outstanding. Nate thanked the Public Works Department for their work.

Commissioner Das asked if there was an update on the Community Center Committee. Mr. Monahan stated at this time the Committee is touring other community centers. They have toured Andover and will be touring Maple Grove shortly. A consultant will be brought in to work with the Committee. This is in the budget but pending Council approval.

Commissioner Leathers stated there are a lot of new houses coming up in the City. He would like to see the City's projection on new development to help with planning the CIP.

Mr. Monahan stated he will bring the Dog Park information to the August Park Board Meeting. He will visit other City dog parks.

**Informational: no action required**

**9. Adjournment**

**Adjourned**