



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes - Final

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, January 24, 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, January 24, 2017.

2. Roll Call

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

2. ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Nate Monahan Recreation Manager

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Walsdorf

3. Approval of Minutes

3.-1 [MIN 17-03](#) APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2016 PARK BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Varian, to approve the minutes of October 25, 2016 as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Markle. Motion approved unanimously.

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

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

Chair Bird opened the Open Forum at 7:04 p.m.

No one appeared to address the Commission.

Chair Bird closed Open Forum at 7:05 p.m.

None.

5. New Business

5.-1 [PB 17-01](#) PROCLAMATION JON FAGERNESS

Recreation Manager Monahan presented a proclamation for Jon Fagerness for his contributions to the Blaine Triathlon and Kids Triathlon. Jon was involved in the two-year planning process as well as the events. He was a great resource. Chair Bird read and presented the proclamation to Jon Fagerness.

Jon Fagerness stated he is very happy to be part of such a program. He has enjoyed working with Nate on the triathlons.

Chair Bird stated Jon’s efforts have been much appreciated. He is amazed at the quality and variety of athletes that participate.

Commissioner Das added his thanks to Jon for his efforts.

Commissioner Bingle stated she was part of the first triathlon and she thanked all organizers and participants.

Commissioner Markle thanked Jon for his service to the community.

Discussed.

5.-2 [PB 17-02](#) STAFF REPORT ON 2016 FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS

Recreation Manager Monahan presented a power point review of the 2016 Fall Recreation Programs. He reviewed the programs and events including staff, Sounds of the City Holiday Concert, Youth Programs (cookie decorating, barnyard boogie, flashlight pumpkin hunt, princess party, and morning at the north pole,); Adult Programs and Athletics, Senior Programs, Facility Use, Community Facility Use, Registration 80% register online.

Chair Bird remembered when online registration was first offered the use was not very high. He noted the shelter reservations was just for the Fall.

Informational; no action required.

5.-3 [PB 17-03](#)**CIP UPDATE AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mr. Monahan reviewed the City Council adopted the 2017 - 2021 CIP as it was recommended from the Park Board. Staff will begin putting out bids for the new \$150,000 Lexington Athletic Complex Playground. Glen Meadows Park will be the only expenditure in 2018.

The Indoor Farmers Market will be held Saturdays, January 28, February 11 and February 25 from 9 - 1pm at Blaine City Hall. Planning for a summer farmer's market are being made. Shari Kunza did all the work for these. Commissioner Lester asked how the vendors are selected. Commissioner Das stated the farmer's market is a very good thing for the City. He asked if the City receives any revenue and Mr. Monahan stated the City charges \$15 per vendor per market. Commissioner Das asked if there was any liability and Mr. Monahan stated the General Liability will cover any incidents.

Snow Day: Saturday, January 28 from 1-4pm at Wargo Nature Center. Commissioner Das asked for the location and Mr. Monahan stated go East on 125th over the bridge on 35 and it is on the right side.

Super Hero Party: Friday, February 24 from 6:30 - 8pm at Blaine City Hall.

Dog Park - the wooded area was cleaned up. The dog park was closed for a few days. A trail will be added from the parking lot to the two entrances.

Informational; no action required.

5.-4 [PB 17-04](#)**PARK BOARD CHAIRMAN JEFF BIRD MINNESOTA RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD AND COMMISSION AWARD**

Mr. Monahan announced on January 10, Chairman Jeff Bird received the Board and Commissioner Award from the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association which recognizes one board or commissioner in the State. Jerome Krieger submitted an application to nominate Jeff and the MRPA Awards Committee selected Chairman Jeff Bird. Staff congratulated Jeff on this great honor. Mr. Monahan showed some photographs of the events.

Commissioner Varian thanked Chairman Bird for all his hard work.

Informational; no action required.

Adjournment

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

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

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