



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

10801 Town Square Drive
Blaine, MN 55449

Park Advisory Board

*Chair Jeffrey Bird, Prad Das, Jeff Lester, Tonya Lizakowski,
Rex Markle, Kristofer Paulseth 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, April 24, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call To Order

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

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

2. Roll Call

Staff Present: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager

Commissioner Bingle: Absent

Present: 5 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Walsdorf, and Commissioner Markle

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Varian

2017 PARK BOARD ADJOURNS SINE DIE

Chair Bird adjourned the meeting Sine Die.

Adjourned Sine Die

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE TO: JEFF BIRD, JEFF LESTER,
TONYA LIZAKOWSKI, KRISTOFER PAULSETH**

City Clerk Sorensen administered the Oath of Office to Jeff Bird, Jeff Lester, Tonya Lizakowski, and Kristofer Paulseth.

Oaths administered.

RESUMPTION OF ADJOURNED MEETING

Chair Bird resumed the meeting.

Meeting resumed.

ROLL CALL 2018 PARK BOARD

Staff Present: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager and Jerome Krieger, Recreation Manager.

Present: 7 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Walsdorf, Commissioner Markle, Lizakowski, and Paulseth

Chair Bird thanked Commissioners Bingle and Varian for their service on the Park Board over the past two years.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.-1 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 27, 2018 PARK BOARD MINUTES

Attachments: 03-27-18Pk

Motion by Commissioner Markle, to approve the minutes of March 27, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Walsdorf. Motion approved unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Walsdorf, Commissioner Markle, Lizakowski, and Paulseth

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

Chair Bird opened the Open Forum at 7:10 p.m.

No one appeared to address the Commission.

Chair Bird closed Open Forum at 7:11 p.m.

None.

5. New Business

5.-1 PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Recreation Manager Monahan provided an update from the kick-off meeting for the Parks Master Plan with WSB. For the first time, an RFP was requested for a Parks Master Plan for the 65 parks with a deeper dive in Aquatore Park and Happy Acres Park. WSB was the low bidder and the kickoff meeting was held on Wednesday. The process should take one year. First task will be to do a park inventory with staff. WSB will also be present at five City events to gain resident input. The stakeholder's names

will be provided to WSB. Updates will be provided by WSB every other month.

Commissioner Walsdorf asked how many people are on the WSB team and Mr. Monahan stated there will be seven on the initial team. He does not know how many employees they have. Others will be brought in as needed. Commissioner Walsdorf asked if there is a detailed project plan and Mr. Monahan stated they do. Commissioner Walsdorf asked if the project plan can be put on the City website and Mr. Monahan responded it will be put on the website.

Chair Bird asked if the updates can provide a GANT schedule for the project.

Commissioner Das noted in the newsletter there were plans for the City Center. He asked how far they are with the plans. Mr. Monahan stated they are just raising it for comments. The funding would be private. More gym space is needed within the City. Commissioner Das asked staff to provide more details on this and run parallel with the parks master plan. Commissioner Das also noted the senior center is moving forward and suggested utilizing WSB's expertise on that. Mr. Monahan stated a consultant has provided a concept to double the size of the senior center. The Council needs six votes to go ahead with the senior center (\$5.4M). They want to make sure policies are in place. Commissioner Das asked what the timing is for Council to consider. Mr. Monahan stated he believes the May meeting is where further discussion may take place.

Discussed.

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EVENT UPDATES

Mr. Monahan provided updates on the following:

Earth Day Park Clean Ups - April 15 - May 15: For further information residents should access the website to register their area clean-up. Currently there are 13 different clean-ups scheduled. Mr. Monahan reviewed what the City supplies. Chair Bird announced the 13 clean-ups, where they are occurring and what groups are participating.

Worldfest: Saturday May 19 from 1-4pm at Town Square Park: Mr. Monahan referred the Park Board to the website explaining the event.

Summer Blaine Farmers Market Wednesdays June 6 - August 29 from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine City Hall South Parking Lot. The last Indoor Farmer's Market was last week. June 20 is Kids Day at the Farmers

Market. Commissioner Lizakowski asked why it is held on Wednesdays rather than the weekend. Mr. Monahan stated staff researched the area Farmer's Markets and Weds seemed like a good day for attendees and the vendors.

Lakeside Commons Park Beach Open June 1 - September 3: The beach is open from 10am - 8pm. The splash pad will be open the same hours. Credit Card payments can be made at the Beach. Concessions will be available at the Boat House. The Parking Pass is free for Blaine citizens and \$5 for non-resident daily pass and \$25 for season pass.

Bark in the Park Thursday, August 9 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Aquatore Dog Park: Several vendors will be present. Mr. Monahan reviewed some of the sponsors. Free dog licenses for dogs with vaccination proof.

Chair Bird asked how many are registered for the youth triathlon and Mr. Monahan stated approximately 25. More advertising will be done.

Discussed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lizakowski motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Paulseth seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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