



# City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes

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## 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.*

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Tuesday, May 22, 2018

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, May 22.

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

### 2. Roll Call

Staff Present: Jerome Krieger, Recreation Manager

**Present:** 8 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Varian, Commissioner Walsdorf, Commissioner Markle, Commissioner Lizakowski, and Commissioner Paulseth

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### 3.-1

### APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 24, 2018 PARK BOARD MINUTES

Attachments: [04-24-18 Pk](#)

**Motion by Commissioner Markle, to approve the minutes of April 24, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Walsdorf. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Das, Varian, Commissioner Walsdorf, Commissioner Markle, Commissioner Lizakowski, and Commissioner Paulseth

### 4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

Chair Bird opened the Open Forum at 7:05 p.m.

No one appeared to address the Commission.

Chair Bird closed Open Forum at 7:06 p.m.

None.

## 5. New Business

### 5.-1

### **RECOMMENDATION OF A PARK CONCEPT PLAN AT SANCTUARY PRESERVE PARK**

Attachments: Concept Plans\_050718 (002)

Recreation Manager Krieger presented the Park Concept plans at Sanctuary Preserve Park. Two concepts were described for Board consideration. Mr. Krieger stated there is no monitor service this evening and if residents are interested in seeing the items they are available on the website or by calling the office. St. Croix met with SRF the consultant and Chad from Pulte Homes to discuss what was desired in the park. This is the 66th park in Blaine. Chad was not available to attend the meeting. Staff advised SRF what was desired. Mr. Krieger noted construction is still going on in the development with the pouring of the curb. SRF wanted to keep the park more in the NE corner.

Mr. Krieger reviewed Concept A which was the first one sent to Staff by SRF. This was reviewed by City Engineering, City Public Works and Chad at Pulte. There were some maintenance issues raised in the concept. They reviewed where the boulevard trees would be located. Staff had requested a sidewalk to allow for parents with strollers or bikes to ride around the play structure.

Mr. Krieger reviewed Concept B which showed sidewalk planned. There is a trail that will lead in from the north and south sides. The shelter was also moved. Staff is recommending Concept B. The attempt was to keep as much open green space as possible for open play.

Chair Bird asked whose responsibility is the future sidewalk. Mr. Krieger stated that is part of the development. Mr. Krieger stated there is street parking on the sides of the park with no inlet parking.

Commissioner Markle asked if the park is being built by the developer. Mr. Krieger stated the park will be developed by the contractor. He agrees he likes Concept B and has advantages as far as maintenance. He would prefer the shelter to have a view of the open area.

Commissioner Das asked if there would be noise by the entrances that would bother nearby residents. Mr. Krieger described where the houses are located.

Chair Bird asked if the shelter could be moved and Mr. Krieger stated it may require additional concrete but he will research and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Lizakowski suggested it may be more convenient carrying items to the shelter from the cars when located where it shows in Concept B.

Commissioner Markle asked what the size is of the shelter and Mr. Krieger stated it is 16 x 16 and will be first come first served.

Commissioner Paulseth asked if it would be possible to put a bench between the open area and the playground. Mr. Krieger stated if the shelter was not moved a bench could be added.

Mr. Krieger noted the electrical and irrigation has already been run and is close to where the shelter is currently planned. If the shelter is moved the electrical would need to be moved. This would incur additional cost.

Chair Bird stated the Board is up in the air as to where the shelter is located. Mr. Krieger asked the Board approve Concept B with the possibility of moving the shelter.

**Motion by Commissioner Das, to recommend Sanctuary Preserve Park Concept B with the possibility of moving the shelter and adding a bench facing outward, Commissioner Markle seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Das, Varian, Commissioner Walsdorf, Commissioner Markle, Commissioner Lizakowski, and Commissioner Paulseth

## 5.-2

## PARK BOARD UPDATES

Mr. Monahan provided updates on the following:

Farmer's Market - the special events are posted on the website. Opening June 6, 2018 from 3-7pm.

Blaine Festival - June 22-24, 2018 is the festival at Aquatore Park. [blainefestival.org](http://blainefestival.org) will provide more information.

World Fest Recap - was held last Saturday with approximately 1200 people in attendance. There are pictures available on the website. Residents are encouraged to sign up for notifications on the website.

Parks Master Plan - Mr. Monahan was with WSB walking around the various parks. Stakeholders meetings will be held. There will also be community engagement meetings.

A copy of the WSB timeline was provided to the Board.

Commissioner Das asked for an update on the community center and the senior center. Mr. Krieger stated the senior center was approved by the City Council and will be working with WSB to determine the best location. RFP's are being sent out for design work. There will not be a basketball in the senior center. The NSC has converted the expo hall into court sports.

Chair Bird thanked all the volunteers for World Fest.

Chair Bird asked how the park clean-ups went and Mr. Krieger stated all the groups enjoyed the experience. Chair Bird would like Staff to provide the groups and the parks so they can be recognized.

A park tour will be held in place of the June Board Meeting. Chair Bird asked for suggestions of which parks to visit. Staff will select the parks to be visited. Commissioner Walsdorf suggested Aquatore and Happy Acres. Commissioner Das would like to visit an old park. Commissioner Paulseth suggested London Park. Mr. Krieger stated there have been many phone calls asking when their park is on the schedule for redoing.

#### **Discussed**

#### **Adjournment**

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

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

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Das, Varian, Commissioner Walsdorf, Commissioner Markle, Commissioner Lizakowski, and Commissioner Paulseth