



# City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes

10801 Town Square Drive  
Blaine, MN 55449

## Park Advisory Board

*Park Board Members: Chair Jeffrey Bird, Jeff Lester, Tonya Lizakowski, Hellen Keraka, Kristofer Paulseth, Kjrj Reyerson, and Tom Walsdorf*

*The purpose of the park board is to provide a high quality of life for the city's residents through protection of its natural resources, its scenic, historical and aesthetic values, and by development of compatible facilities for public enjoyment. One of the board's functions as an advisory body 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, September 28, 2021

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, September 28, 2021.

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

### 2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boardmembers Keraka, Lester, Lizakowski, Paulseth, Ryerson and Walsdorf, and Chair Bird.  
Adjunct Member Drew Brown.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jerome Krieger, Senior Parks and Recreation Manager.

Guest: None.

**Present:** 6 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Walsdorf, Commissioner Lizakowski, Commissioner Paulseth, and Commissioner Keraka

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### 3.-1

#### Approval of the August 24, 2021 Park Board Minutes

Attachments: [08-24-21 PK.doc](#)

Senior Parks and Recreation Manager Krieger requested the

following corrections:

Page 2, the blank line should read Third Lair.

**Motion by Boardmember Walsdorf to approve the minutes of August 24, 2021 as amended. Motion seconded by Boardmember Lizakowski. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Walsdorf, Commissioner Lizakowski, Commissioner Paulseth, and Commissioner Keraka

#### **4. Open Forum for Citizen Input**

Chair Bird opened the Open Forum at 7:05PM.

No one appeared to address the Commission.

Chair Bird closed Open Forum at 7:06PM.

#### **5. New Business**

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##### **Park Updates**

Senior Parks and Recreation Manager Krieger provided the Board with an update on the following matters:

Aquatore Shelter Replacements - Staff reported construction was set to start the week of September 27.

Austin Park Courts - The courts have been replaced and are back open for use. It was noted staff has received calls from the public thanking the City for revitalizing this park.

Boardmember Walsdorf asked if the pickleball courts could be reserved. Mr. Krieger reported the courts operated on a first come/first served basis.

Sunrise Trail and Happy Acres projects are working out final details with the watershed district. Due to delays, staff did not anticipate the parking lot would be completed prior to the skating season.

Monument signs at Lexington Athletic Complex and Blaine Wetland Sanctuary will be designed and constructed by Albrecht Companies out of Roseville. It was noted staff was now waiting on the shop drawings.

Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Shelter - Staff sent out an RFP for the

Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Shelter and restroom facility. Staff met with the architect who designed the Lakeside Commons Park Shelter and buildings to discuss some possible concepts and design of the site.

Band Shell Update - Staff will send out an RFP for a consultant in October in hopes of having a consultant on board by the end of the year with construction beginning in 2022.

Chair Bird stated it would be critical to have improved lighting at this park when the bandshell is installed.

2021 Shelter Rentals - Staff noted the City had 180 shelter rentals this year. The rentals were as follows:

Aquatore West - 41

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Lakeside Commons - 63

Tom Ryan - 37

Boardmember Ryerson asked if parking at Lakeside Commons was a concern for non-residents using the facility. Mr. Krieger discussed how non-residents address the parking fee concern. He noted staff also makes non-residents aware of the other park shelters that are available in the City.

World Fest Recap - This event was held on Saturday, September 11 and attendance was around 275. The Mayor spoke at the event and the City had various dance groups along with food vendors.

Mr. Krieger reported the winter/spring programming registration starts on Monday, December 13 and staff was working on the winter newsletters.

Mr. Krieger explained looking ahead to October the Park Board will be discussing the five year budgets and the projects that are planned for 2022 through 2026.

Chair Bird reported every Saturday and Sunday in the fall when there are football and baseball games going on there was not enough parking at the Lexington Sports Complex. He requested the Park Board discuss this concern at a future meeting. Mr. Krieger stated he has gone through the park at certain times and understood this was a concern.

**Adjournment**

Chair Bird adjourned the meeting at 7:35PM.

**Boardmember Ryerson motioned to adjourn. Boardmember Keraka seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Walsdorf, Commissioner Lizakowski, Commissioner Paulseth, and Commissioner Keraka