



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 Ryerson, 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.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

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 25, 2022.

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

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boardmembers Lester, and Walsdorf, and Chair Bird. Adjunct Member Drew Brown.

Members Absent: Boardmembers Keraka, Lizakowski, Paulseth, and Ryerson.

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

Guest: None.

Chair Bird reported the Park Board did not have a quorum present and therefore no action could be taken on agenda items.

Present: 6 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Walsdorf, Commissioner Walsdorf, Commissioner Walsdorf, and Commissioner Walsdorf

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Lizakowski, Commissioner Paulseth, Commissioner Keraka, and Commissioner Ryerson

3. Approval of Minutes

3.-1 Approval of the November 23, 2021 Park Board Minutes

Attachments: [11-23-21 PK.doc](#)

Action on the November 23, 2021 minutes will be taken in February.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

Chair Bird opened the Open Forum at 7:02PM.

No one appeared to address the Commission.

Chair Bird closed Open Forum at 7:03PM.

5. New Business

5.-1 Park Updates

Mr. Krieger provided the Board with an update on the following matters:

Aquatore Shelter Replacements - The shelters are in the process of being completed. The steel frames are up and the contractor is working on the roof.

Boardmember Walsdorf asked if the shelters would have heaters. Mr. Krieger reported the shelters would not have heaters. He noted the shelters would have serving tables.

Sunrise Trail and Happy Acres final permits have been submitted to Coon Creek watershed. It was noted both permits were approved with conditions and staff will ensure the conditions are met.

Monument signs for Lexington Athletic Complex and Blaine Wetland Sanctuary are almost completely finished with the stone, brick, capping, logo and letters. Staff indicated the lighting and landscaping would be completed this spring.

Boardmember Walsdorf questioned what the final expense was for the signs. Mr. Krieger reported the BWS sign was just over \$100,000 and the LAC sign was approximately \$105,000.

WSB and Associates and HCM Architects are working on concepts for the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Shelter and Restroom facility project. Look for concept designs in February.

Band shell update - the consulting and architect quote from ISG Incorporated was reviewed and approved by the council on January 19. Staff reported the project would be bid this June in hopes of having the project completed in time for the 2023 Festival.

Staff has been working with the playground manufactures to get possible design concepts for the 2022 playground replacement projects.

Staff is working on an RFP to hire a consultant to do the design work for three tennis and pickleball court replacement projects. The goal is to do one bid for all three projects at Territorial, Carrara East and Centennial Green parks.

Summer recreation employment will be posted in the first week of February. Staff begins interviewing candidates in mid - February. The positions that are available are Play - Net leaders, Youth Sports coaches and Beach attendants.

Adjunct Member Brown asked if any additional parking would be added at the BWS when the shelter is constructed. Mr. Krieger estimated an additional 10 to 15 parking spaces may be added, without impacting the wetlands.

2021 accomplishments

- There were 216 park shelter rentals, an all-time high for the department.
- The beach set an all-time record for parking sales at the beach this year.
- Staff worked with the NSC to make improvements to Airport Park. In partnership we replaced 55 of the lights, added a new roof for shed, painted the shelter and city staff added aglime to all 4 fields.
- There had been 4,213 total skaters between December and January. Rinks have been open for 29 days so far.

Boardmember Walsdorf stated he was pleased to see the city's park shelters being utilized and rented.

Chair Bird questioned how many of the ice rinks had warming houses. Mr. Krieger reviewed the list of skating rinks in the city of Blaine and noted which had warming houses available to the public.

Adjournment

Chair Bird adjourned the meeting at 7:31PM.

Boardmember Lester motioned to adjourn. Boardmember Walsdorf seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.