



# City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes

10801 Town Square Drive  
Blaine, MN 55449

## Park Advisory Board

*Park Board Members: Chair Jeff Lester, Chris Ford, 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 27, 2022

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 27, 2022.

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

### 2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boardmembers Lizakowski, Paulseth, Ryerson and Chair Lester.

Members Absent: Boardmembers Ford, Keraka, and Walsdorf.

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

Guest: None.

**Present:** 4 - Chair Bird, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Paulseth, and Commissioner Reyerson

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Keraka, and Commissioner Walsdorf

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### 3.-1

#### Approval of the August 23, 2022, Park Board Minutes

Attachments: [08-23-22 PK](#)

**Motion by Boardmember Paulseth to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022 as amended. Motion seconded by Boardmember Lizakowski. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Aye:** 4 - Bird, Lester, Paulseth, and Commissioner Ryerson

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

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

No one appeared to address the Commission.

Chair Lester closed Open Forum at 7:03PM.

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

##### **5.-1**

##### **Prioritizing the Parks CIP projects for 2023 to 2027**

**Attachments:**     [Parks CIP 2023 to 2027](#)

Senior Parks and Recreation Manager Krieger stated each year the Park Board and staff meet to discuss upcoming projects for the next five years. Projects include new park construction, new playground equipment in community parks, parking lots, hockey rinks, skate parks and sports lighting. Most of these projects have been identified in the Parks Master Plan. Staff presented the 5-year budget of upcoming projects along with their cost estimates. At an upcoming Park Board meeting later this fall, staff will bring back the final Parks and Trails and Parks CIP budgets for final recommendation. It was noted all recommendations by the Park Board will be brought to the city council in December for final approval.

Boardmember Lizakowski explained she appreciated the proposed plans for the Sunrise Ponds Park stating new playground equipment would draw residents to the park.

Chair Lester suggested concessions be reconsidered at the Lexington Athletic Complex in order to take advantage of the number of people using these rinks.

Boardmember Ryerson questioned how long it would take to complete the ice rinks and lighting planned for Jim Peterson Park. Mr. Krieger stated this would depend on future project costs and the budget.

Boardmember Ryerson requested further information on the proposed

trail improvements. Mr. Krieger discussed how staff was working with the Council to address trail replacements in conjunction with street improvement projects. He noted all trail replacements would have to be considered carefully due to budget constraints.

**5.-2****Park Updates**

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

Happy Acres Playground - The smaller equipment was painted to match the new equipment.

Happy Acres Parking Lot - The bid was accepted at the September 6, 2022 council meeting. The Parks CIP budget will be amended, and the project has started to get ready for the winter skating season.

Band shell update - Staff will be bringing the band shell project back to the council on October 17, 2022.

Centennial Green and Territorial Parks courts are being re - constructed starting the week of September 26. Sunram Construction is the contractor.

World Fest was held Saturday, September 17 from 1PM to 4PM at Tom Ryan Park. The event was a huge success with close to 1,000 attendees.

Staff hosted a 40th celebration of the Mary Ann Young Center on Tuesday, September 20.

The Mary Ann Young Center will host its Harvest Dinner on Thursday, September 29. There are 170 seniors registered for the event.

Oktoberfest is Saturday, October 1 from 3PM to 9PM at Tom Ryan Park. The Percolators and GB Leighton will be performing on stage. There will be food, drinks, and activities for the kids.

**Adjournment**

Chair Lester adjourned the meeting at 7:42PM.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Bird, Lester, Paulseth, and Commissioner Reyerson