



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes

Blaine City Hall
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Nat'l Resources Conservation Board

The Natural Resource Conservation Board is an advisory body to the City Council. The Board is charged with recommending acquisition of lands for open space and developing a Natural Resource Plan which includes environmental policy and guidelines for the maintenance and preservation of Blaine's existing and future open spaces and trail corridors. 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, August 17, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call - Chair Perkins, Boardmembers Filipi, Genet, McKinley, Panning, Rafferty, Trippler, Truchon, Vedi.

Others Present: Recreation Manager Nate Monahan, and Adjunct Members Drew Brown and Isabel Hobot.

Present: 9 - Vice Chair McKinley, Rafferty, Chair Perkins, Truchon, Genet, Vedi, Panning, Trippler, and Filipi

3. Approval of Minutes

3.-1

Approval of the June 15, 2021 NRCB Minutes

Attachments: [06-15-21 nrcb](#)

Boardmember McKinley requested an addition to the minutes under Item 3-Approval of April Minutes, stating Dick Swanson and Jim Peterson were mentioned regarding the Conservation Award. She explained Jim Heffner was also a part of list and should be included in the minutes.

MOVED by Boardmember McKinley, seconded by Boardmember Truchon to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 Board Meeting as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 9 - McKinley, Rafferty, Perkins, Truchon, Genet, Vedi, Panning, Trippler, and Filipi

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

No one appeared to address the NRCB.

5. New Business

5.-1 Review of Open Space Inspections

Attachments: [INSPECTION CHECKLIST FOR BLAINE OPEN SPACES](#)
[2021 Open Space Map](#)

Mr. Monahan reviewed a checklist and assigned open space inspections to board members. He noted that some open spaces have already been inspected by board members and work orders have been generated to Public Works. He reported Kane Meadows South, Kane Meadows North and Legacy Woods have yet to be inspected.

Boardmember Rafferty volunteered to inspect Legacy Woods.

Boardmember Truchon stated she would inspect Kane Meadows North.

Boardmember McKinley indicated she would inspect Kane Meadows South.

5.-2 Open Space Project Updates

Attachments: [Sunrise Ponds Trail](#)

Mr. Monahan gave the board an update on the current open space projects.

Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Entrance Sign

The advertisement for bid will go out late August. It was noted the sign would be hard wired and not solar.

Hiring consultant for Blaine Wetland Sanctuary pavilion and restroom facility

Staff will send out final RFP to consulting firms in September.

Sunrise Ponds Trail

The advertisement for bid will go out middle to late August and waiting for final permitting from Coon Creek Watershed District.

Boardmember Genet reported she had students that would be working in the BWS this fall to investigate wildlife use within the wetland sanctuary. She anticipated an interpretive sign would be added at some point in the future to address wildlife within the BWS.

Boardmember Truchon requested Boardmember Genet to report back to the board on her students findings.

Boardmember Truchon requested an update on the hiring process for a new stormwater manager. Mr. Monahan explained interviews were complete and staff has made an offer to one candidate.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.