



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

January 23, 2024 | 7:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

Park Board Members: Chair Jeff Lester, Chris Ford, Tonya Lizakowski, Hellen Keraka, Amanda Neubert, Kristofer Paulseth, Amanda Van Buren

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.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Proclamation

- 3.1.** 2024-43 Proclamation for Nicholas Mulder
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1.** 2024-42 Approval of the November 28, 2023 Park Board meeting minutes.
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

5. Open Forum for Citizen Input

6. New Business

- 6.1.** 2024-44 Parks and Recreation Projects for 2024
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

- 6.2.** 2024-49 Park Updates
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

7. Adjournment



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P ROCLAMATION

EAGLE SCOUT Nicholas Mulder

WHEREAS, the conferring of an Eagle Scout is one of the highest awards that can be bestowed upon a Scout; and

WHEREAS, this award is earned in that the recipient must perform and successfully complete and pass the rigid requirements exacted to achieve an Eagle Scout award and only five percent of all Scouts achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, it is also the desire of the City to encourage community groups and residents to take an active role in assisting the City in taking pride in enjoying it's parks and open spaces by volunteering in efforts of improvement; and

WHEREAS, as his Eagle Scout Project, Nicholas Mulder planned, organized, and executed assembly and building of three ADA Accessible Raised Garden Beds at Blaine City Hall, having to receive plan and specification approval from the City, seek donations for materials; and coordinate all volunteers for the project; and

WHEREAS, the assembly and building of the three ADA Assessable Raised Garden Beds being completed in October of 2023 will now serve as a worthy and valuable improvement at the Blaine City Hall Community Gardens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Blaine hereby proclaims Nicholas Mulder an outstanding citizen and commends her for her hard work and extend their congratulations for having an Eagle Scout Award bestowed upon him by the Boy Scouts of America.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Blaine to be affixed this 2nd day of November 2023.

Tim Sanders, Mayor



City of Blaine

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November 28, 2023 | 7:00 PM
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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Blaine Park Advisory Board met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Chair Lester called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boardmembers Ford, Keraka, Lizakowski, Neubert, Paulseth, and Chair Lester.

Members Absent: Boardmember VanBuren.

Staff Present: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager.

Guest: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1. 2023-595 Approval of the October 24, 2023 Park Board meeting minutes.
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

Motion by Boardmember Paulseth to approve the minutes of October 24, 2023 as presented. Motion seconded by Boardmember Ford. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

Chair Lester opened the Open Forum at 7:04PM.

No one appeared to address the Board.

5. New Business

- 5.1. 2023-596 2024 West Lake Playground Replacement Rendering

Recreation Manager Monahan reviewed an updated version of West Lake Park with the ADA swing and different color scheme. He commented on the proposed park improvements and requested direction from the board on how to proceed.

The board supported the new color palette and amenities as proposed for West Lake Park.

5.2. 2023-597 Park Updates

Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

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

- Winter Celebration - Staff was pleased to report over 800 people attended this family friendly event at City Hall. He reported a raffle was held and the tree lighting occurred at 4:30PM.
- Harvest Hustle - Staff noted over 300 people participated in the Harvest Hustle on Thanksgiving morning.
- Jim Peterson Lighting - Staff provided an update on the lighting that has been installed at Jim Peterson Park. It was his hope staff would be able to begin flooding soon in order to get a base down for the rinks in this park.
- MAYC Updates - Staff stated the Thanksgiving Dinner at MAYC had 180 participants for dinner and entertainment. He noted MAYC would be hosting two Saturday Breakfasts with Santa on December 9 and December 16.
- Aquatore Bandshell - Staff reported work continues on the bandshell and it should be ready for use prior to the Blaine Festival in 2024.
- Solar Lights - Staff explained the Blaine Police Department would be adding eight solar light poles to parks.
- Swanson Dog Park - Staff indicated the large dog area bullpen has been installed at Aquatore Park.
- Memorial Bench - Staff noted a memorial bench was added at Happy Acres Park for Marc Shippee, who was the city's Parks Supervisor who passed away this past spring.

Chair Lester stated historically, the Park Board does not meet in December. He requested the Board make a motion to cancel the December meeting.

Boardmember Ford motioned to cancel the December 2023 Park Advisory Board meeting. Boardmember Lizakowski seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Adjournment

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

Chair Lester adjourned the meeting at 7:24PM.



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Parks and Recreation Projects for 2024

Background

Staff will discuss with the park board the upcoming park projects for 2024 along with the funding.

- Colony Preserve playground equipment
- Lakeside Park playground equipment
- West Lake Park playground equipment
- Suzanne Park playground equipment
- Jim Peterson Park hockey rink
- Lexington Athletic Complex hockey rinks and lighting
- Blaine Baseball Complex field 1 backstop
- London Park Shelter
- Pioneer Park Shelter
- Sunrise Pond Park turf establishment, courts and lighting
- Carrara East court painting
- Trail maintenance (various parks)
- Trail development - LAC to 122nd Ave. NE

Recommendation

Attachment List

None



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Park Updates

Background

Park Updates

- Breakfast with Santa
- Senior Birthday and New Years Party
- Mary Ann Young Center Rentals for 2023
- Shelter Rentals for 2023
- Skating Rinks
- Solar Lights
- Aquatore Bandshell

Recommendation

Attachment List

None