



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

November 28, 2023 | 7:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

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

Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

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.