



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

January 23, 2024 | 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, January 23, 2024. Chair Lester called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boardmembers Ford, Lizakowski (arrived at 7:03PM), Neubert, and Chair Lester.

Members Absent: Boardmembers Keraka, Paulseth and VanBuren.

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

Guest: None.

3. Proclamation

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

Chair Lester read a proclamation in full for the record recognizing Eagle Scout Nicholas Mulder for his planning, design and assembling of three new ADA-accessible raised garden beds at city hall.

Nicholas Mulder thanked the Park Board for this proclamation. He thanked Nate and Jerome for all of their support throughout the planning of the raised garden beds. He also thanked the city of Blaine for the sidewalk access and soil for the garden beds. Lastly, he thanked his family and all of the volunteers that helped to make this project possible.

The Park Board offered Eagle Scout Mulder a round of applause and thanked him for his service to the community.

4. Approval of Minutes

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

Motion by Boardmember Ford to approve the minutes of November 28, 2023 as amended. Motion seconded by Boardmember Neubert. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Open Forum for Citizen Input

Chair Lester opened the Open Forum at 7:08PM.

No one appeared to address the Board.

Chair Lester closed Open Forum at 7:08PM.

6. New Business

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

Senior Parks and Recreation Manager Krieger discussed with the park board the upcoming park projects being planned for 2024 along with the funding. Those projects were as follows:

- 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 Avenue NE

Chair Lester stated he appreciated the fact the city was setting aside funds on a yearly basis for trail maintenance.

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

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

- Breakfast with Santa was held on December 9 and December 16
- Senior Birthday and New Years Party - 180 to 190 seniors attended this event
- Mary Ann Young Center Rentals for 2023 - Rentals at MAYC and the city's outdoor shelters for special events were on the rise
- Shelter Rentals for 2023
- Skating Rinks - Rinks opened last week
- Solar Lights
- Aquatore Bandshell - Staff provided an update on the progress that has been made on the bandshell and reported construction was on schedule. He described the overages that have occurred on this project and noted the budget for this project would have to be amended.

Motion by Boardmember Lizakowski to recommend the City Council increase the overall project contingency for the Aquatore Bandshell by an additional five percent (5%). Motion seconded by Boardmember Ford. Motion approved unanimously.

Chair Lester asked if volunteers were needed at MAYC for luncheons and special events. Mr. Krieger stated volunteers were always welcome at MAYC. He discussed how popular the luncheons and special events have become at MAYC.

7. Adjournment

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

Chair Lester adjourned the meeting at 7:47PM.