



City of Blaine

Natural Resource Conservation Board

July 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present – Chair Rafferty, Boardmembers Anderson, Panning, Truchon.

Absent – Boardmembers Genet and McKinley.

Others Present: Recreation Manager Nate Monahan.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. 2023-301 Approval of NRCB Minutes
Sponsors: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager

MOVED by Boardmember Panning, seconded by Boardmember Truchon, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 board meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

No one appeared to address the NRCB.

5. New Business

5.1. 2023-302 Trail Connection to Legacy Woods Open Space

Sponsors: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Monahan presented on a trail connection that was made to the Legacy Woods Open Space. He reviewed a trail map noting the location of the new woodchip trail. He stated if time allow he would like the Board to visit this trail during the Open Space Inspection.

Boardmember Anderson questioned how wide the woodchip trail was. Mr. Monahan noted woodchip trails are generally eight feet wide.

5.2. 2023-304 Update on RFP for the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Trail System and Wetland Bank

Sponsors: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager

Mr. Monahan provided the board with an update on the RFP's for the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary trail system and wetland bank. He explained staff was reviewing the results, noting Stantec had bid on the project. He hoped to have further information for the board regarding the RFP's in August. He indicated the board would be holding a joint meeting with the Park Board in August.

Boardmember Panning questioned if the board would be able to review the RFP responses. Mr. Monahan stated he would check with engineering staff and would report back to the board on this. He anticipated he would be able to email the information to the board.

Mr. Monahan reported staff had a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers so the city can become compliant with the wetland bank. He noted the city would be meeting with BWSR as well to ensure the wetland bank was compliant.

Boardmember Truchon asked if the new consultant would be assisting staff with bringing the wetland bank into compliance. Mr. Monahan reported this was the case.

Boardmember Truchon inquired if the dewatering has had an impact on the Site 7 wetland bank. Mr. Monahan stated he would have to look into this and could report back to the board.

5.3. 2023-303 Open Space Inspection of Pioneer Park

Sponsors: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager

Mr. Monahan explained the board would be completing an open space inspection of Pioneer Park at the conclusion of this meeting.

Further discussion ensued regarding the park checklist form and the board recommended this document be placed on the website for the public to view/use.

6. Adjournment

Chair Rafferty adjourned the meeting at 7:28PM.