



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

November 26, 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, November 26, 2024. Chair Lester called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Boardmember VanBuren.

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

Guest: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1. 2024-558 Approval of the October 22, 2024 Park Advisory Board minutes
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

Motion by Boardmember Ford to approve the minutes of October 22, 2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Boardmember Neubert. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

Chair Lester opened the Open Forum at 7:03PM.

No one appeared to address the Board.

Chair Lester closed Open Forum at 7:03PM.

5. New Business

- 5.1.** 2024-559 Eagle Scout Proclamation for Kai Johnson
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

Senior Recreation Manager Krieger introduced Eagle Scout Kai Johnson to the Park Board noting he completed an Eagle Scout project of adding benches to the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary boardwalk.

Kai Johnson stated he enjoyed completing this project and being able to give back to the community. He anticipated the benches he built would be in place for the next 30 years.

Chair Lester read a proclamation in full for the record recognizing Kai Johnson for his Eagle Scout project in the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary and thanked him for his contribution to the community. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

- 5.2.** 2024-560 Austin Park Playground Equipment
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

Mr. Krieger requested feedback from the Board on the revised equipment and color options to make a final recommendation to the city council in January for the Austin Park Playground equipment.

Motion by Boardmember Neubert to recommend the City Council move forward with the BI color palette for the Austin Park Playground equipment. Motion seconded by Boardmember Paulseth. Motion approved unanimously.

- 5.3.** 2024-561 Olympia Park Playground Equipment and Court
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

Mr. Krieger requested feedback from the Board on the revised equipment, court, and color options to make a final recommendation to the city council in January for the Olympia Park playground equipment.

Motion by Boardmember Ford to recommend the City Council move forward with the BJ color palette for the Olympia Park Playground equipment. Motion seconded by Boardmember Neubert. Motion approved unanimously.

- 5.4.** 2024-562 Ivy Hills Park Playground Equipment
Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

Mr. Krieger requested feedback from the Board on the revised equipment, court, and color options to make a final recommendation to the city council in January for the Ivy Hills Park

playground equipment.

Motion by Boardmember Lizakowski to recommend the City Council move forward with the BK color palette for the Ivy Hills Park Playground equipment. Motion seconded by Boardmember Ford. Motion approved unanimously.

5.5. 2024-563 Park Updates

Sponsors: Jerome Krieger, Sr. Recreation Manager

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

Mary Ann Young Center - The City hosted two Thanksgiving lunches at MAYC last Wednesday and Thursday for 350 seniors in the community, which was a record number. He thanked his staff members and all of the volunteers that made this event possible. He stated he received many complements, noting the seniors in the community were extremely grateful for this event.

Outdoor Skating Rinks - The boards were now in place for the outdoor rink at Jim Peterson Park. It was noted portable lighting would be brought in for the rink. Staff indicated the Lexington Athletic Complex would have three outdoor rinks this winter.

Winter Celebration - The Winter Celebration event would be held on Sunday, December 1 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mingle & Jingle Craft Fair - The Mingle and Jingle Craft Fair would be held at City Hall on Saturday, December 7.

Winter/Spring Brochure - Staff reported the winter/spring park and recreation brochure would be sent out the first week of December.

2025 Rentals for Shelters and Bandshell - Staff would begin taking rentals for the bandshells and shelters on January 2, 2025.

Outgoing Park Board Member - Staff congratulated Chris Ford for being elected to the City Council and thanked him for all of his contributions to the Park Board.

6. Adjournment

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

Chair Lester adjourned the meeting at 7:37PM.