



City of Blaine

Park Advisory Board

January 28, 2025 | 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 28, 2025. Chair Lester called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boardmembers Neubert, Paulseth, VanBuren and Chair Lester.

Members Absent: Boardmembers Henderson and Lizakowski.

Staff Present: Recreation Manager Nate Monahan.

Guest: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1. 2025-32 Approval of the November 26, 2024 Park Board meeting minutes.
Sponsors: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager

Motion by Boardmember Paulseth to approve the minutes of November 26, 2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Boardmember VanBuren. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

Chair Lester opened the Open Forum at 7:02PM.

Cassandra _____, 12842 Palisade Street NE, explained she was concerned about tennis court availability and etiquette at the Lexington Athletic Complex. She discussed how pickleball players have more dedicated courts and were now bringing their own nets and using portions of the tennis courts in the community. She stated this was making tennis court availability more and more difficult to come by. She suggested a simple set of guidelines or rules be considered by the

City in order to ensure there is proper rotation at the tennis courts.

Recreation Manager Monahan stated the City has looked at potentially lighting the Jim Peterson tennis courts, which may be the best solution. He commented on how the dual use between pickleball and tennis at the Lexington Athletic Complex was creating tension.

Chair Lester noted he also supported the City looking into a set of rules or guidelines to ensure the pickleball and tennis court users were being cordial while using the courts.

Mr. Monahan stated he could speak with other communities to see how they are addressing tennis/pickleball court concerns. He reported staff could work on creating rules for the tennis/pickleball courts in the coming months and would report back to the Board with a quote for lighting at Jim Peterson Park as well.

Ms. _____ asked that she be informed when this item comes back to the Board for further discussion so she could provide further input. Mr. Monahan asked that Ms. _____ leave her email address and noted he would reach out when this item comes back to the Park Board.

Chair Lester closed Open Forum at 7:16PM.

5. New Business

5.1. 2025-33 Parks and Recreation Projects for 2025 *Sponsors: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager*

Mr. Monahan discussed with the Park Board the upcoming park projects that would be completed in 2025:

- Blaine Baseball Complex field #1 backstop
- Cloverleaf and Lexington dugouts
- Ivy Hills Park playground equipment
- Austin playground equipment
- Olympia Park playground equipment and sport court
- Jim Peterson Park asphalt for the rink
- Jim Peterson Warming House
- Blaine Baseball Complex field #5 lights and backstop
- Sunrise Pond Park turf establishment, courts, and lighting
- Quincy Park Building removal
- Westwood Park Court removal
- Trail maintenance (various parks)
- Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Boardwalks and Wetland Bank

5.2. 2025-34 Park Updates *Sponsors: Nate Monahan, Recreation Manager*

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

- Breakfast with Santa - Two events held in December
- Senior Birthday's and New Years Party at MAYC
- Mary Ann Young Center Rentals for 2024
- Outdoor Lights at Airport Park
- Shelter Rentals for 2024
- Skating Rinks
- Snow Day was held on Saturday, January 25
- Hired consultant for Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Boardwalk

Boardmember Paulseth asked why Deacon's Park had been removed from the park improvement list. Mr. Monahan explained staff has been in contact with the TPC in hopes of receiving funding to assist with this park replacement/improvement. He stated he could have Senior Parks and Recreation Manager Krieger report back to the Board with further information on this park.

6. Adjournment

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

Chair Lester adjourned the meeting at 7:58PM.