



# City of Northfield

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Park & Recreation Advisory Board

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Thursday, July 25, 2019

6:30 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

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### I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

*Chair D. Gehring called the July 2019 meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Northfield Lions Playground added to the end of the agenda.*

**Present:** 6 - Chair Dale Gehring, Peder Jothen, Neil Lutsky, Kristin Partlo, Daniel Hollerung and Megan Kraby

**Absent:** 1 - Ben Playter

### II. Approval of Minutes

1. [19-985](#)

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes - Apr 2019](#)

**A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member Hollerung, to approve the April 2019 minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### III. Public Comment

*Community members, Andrea Berube and Adam Olson, spoke to the park board regarding adding a splash pad in Northfield. Vortex International quoted the group an all in price of \$150,000 to \$250,000 for a newly constructed splash pad depending on equipment choices and plumbing needs. An additional \$100,000 would be needed for a recirculating water system. Discussion was held on placement and funding for a splash pad.*

### IV. Reports and Discussion Items

2. [19-986](#) Staff Reports

**Attachments:** [PRAB - July.pdf](#)  
[Rec Report.pdf](#)  
[July Park Report.pdf](#)

*Staff reports were reviewed.*

### V. Unfinished Business

3. [19-987](#) Canoe/Kayak River Access Update

*Discussion was held on the money set aside to build a canoe / kayak takeout being used to hire a consultant. Frustrated PRAB members feel the money should be used for*

*park updates, not more concept planning.*

4. [19-988](#) Way Park Paver Patio Update

**Attachments:** [Way park landscaping.pdf](#)  
[Way park patio.pdf](#)

*The paver patio at Way Park was completed. This project was a joint venture between the City of Northfield and Friends of Way Park. The existing picnic table will be removed and replaced with two new picnic tables.*

## VI. New Business Items

5. [19-989](#) Way Park Hospital Memorial Garden

*The Friends of Way Park are exploring the idea of a hospital memorial garden. The garden would be designed to be wheelchair accessible and located near the old hospital site, on the south side of Way Park.*

6. [19-990](#) Park infrastructure updates/improvements

**Attachments:** [All park upgrades.pdf](#)

*PRAB members and staff discussed the following park improvements.*

*Ice Arena / Multi-purpose facility*

*Babcock Park - bathrooms & bleacher wall*

*Dog park - relocate*

*Sechler Park - bathrooms, field lighting and irrigation*

*Riverside Park - bathrooms, sidewalk to shelter, pickle ball courts*

*Oddfellows Park - bathrooms*

*Spring Creek Park - bathrooms, parking, lacrosse fields*

*This list will be on the August PRAB agenda to begin prioritizing park improvements.*

*The Northfield Lions offered to donate \$10,000 for a playground at Riverside Park, near the park shelter.*

**A motion was made by Board Member Kraby, seconded by Board Member Jothan, to accept the Northfield Lion's donation of \$10,000 to be used for playground equipment in Riverside Park. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## VII. Adjournment

**A motion was made by Board Member Hollerung, seconded by Board Member Kraby, to adjourn the July PRAB meeting at 8:27pm. The motion carried unanimously.**