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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, November 21, 2019

6:30 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chairman D. Gehring called the November 2019 meeting to order at 6:30pm.

A motion was made by Board Member Hollerung, seconded by Board Member Partlo, to approve the November 2019 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [19-1202](#)

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes Oct-2019](#)

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

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Reports and Discussion Items

2. [19-1203](#) Staff Report

Attachments: [Nov Community Ed Report.pdf](#)

[November Park Report.pdf](#)

[Nov Rec Report 2019.pdf](#)

Staff updated PRAB on activity in their departments. It was noted that the play feature in Riverside Park was donated by the Lions Club of Northfield. Parks have been closed for the season.

Recreation supervisor, Tom Spooner, reported on the 2019 season pool numbers. Pool revenue was \$91,897.57 with expenses of \$374,281.06 which included pool maintenance of \$187,027.20. The concession stand made a profit of \$7522.12.

V. Unfinished Business

3. [19-1204](#) Splash Pad Update

Attachments: [Northfield Splashpad Concept Container 1.pdf](#)

[Northfield Splashpad Concept Container 2.pdf](#)

Community members Andrea Berube and Adam Olson along with Commercial Recreation Specialist Jeff Corniea presented location ideas for a splashpad in Memorial Park. They also shared cost comparisons between a freshwater system and recirculation water system. The estimated cost for the freshwater system is \$220,000. The estimated cost for a recirculating system is \$450,000. The requirements for both systems, pros and cons, were explained. The Northfield splashpad community asked what the next steps to take are to move forward in making the splashpad a reality.

A motion was made by Board Member Jothen, seconded by Board Member Hollerung, to support the exploration for construction and funding options of a splashpad in a City of Northfield Park. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. New Business Items

4. [19-1205](#) Dundas and Northfield Park and Recreation Advisory Boards Working Together

Larry Fowler from the Dundas Council and Dundas PRAB introduced himself and the idea of collaborating on park ideas, projects and activities. Northfield PRAB members welcomed the opportunity to work with Dundas.

5. [19-1206](#) KaBOOM Playground Grant

Attachments: [How to Build It With KaBOOM!.pdf](#)

Northfield Promise received one of three KaBOOM playground grants. They are currently working with city staff to acquire park property on the north end of Northfield to construct the playground.

6. [19-1207](#) Northfield City Parks Amenities

Attachments: [Park features 3](#)

Staff continued updating the board on park amenities. The following parks were discussed at this meeting: Grant, Sibley Swale, Wheeler, Spring Creek, Meadows, Tyler, Jefferson, Truman and Roosevelt parks.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Partlo, seconded by Board Member Hollerung, to adjourn the November PRAB meeting at 8:22pm. The motion passed.