



# City of Northfield

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Park & Recreation Advisory Board

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Thursday, September 21, 2017

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

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

*Chairman Dale Gehring called the September PRAB meeting to order at 7:00pm.*

**A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member Partlo, to approve the September 2017 PRAB agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

### II. Approval of Minutes

1. [17-1005](#)

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member de Malignon, to approve the August 17, 2017 minutes as amended to include a discussion held on pickle ball courts in Riverside Park. The motion carried unanimously.**

### III. Public Comment

*Kim Smith from the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) shared information regarding the climate action plan (CAP) the commission is working on as part of the city council's strategic plan. An EQC member will attend an upcoming PRAB meeting to share more information on the CAP.*

### IV. Reports

2. [17-1006](#)

Staff Reports

**Attachments:** [Park Report.pdf](#)

[Rec Report.pdf](#)

*Community Education - Melissa presented a general overview of Community Service's summer recreation programs. Go the Extra Mile was this year's theme. Curriculum was created for all programs that will be used from year to year. Melissa thanked PRAB members for their feedback on the cost of the youth horseshoe hunt. She adjusted the family fee, helping to make the first time event a success.*

*Streets & Parks - A gravel base has been prepared to move the warming house to higher ground at Babcock Park. Wild parsnip continues to be monitored. 4 playgrounds in Northfield are scheduled to have their foundation removed and new mulch added. A prairie planting will take place in Meadows Park on Saturday morning as well as a clean up day in Way Park.*

*Pool & Recreation - Ice is going in the arena. Discussion was held on the alarming pool numbers trending down over the past several years. PRAB would like to invite Allison to discuss possibilities to boost numbers which may include additional pool pass options.*

## V. Unfinished Business

3. [17-1007](#) Update on Hauberg Woods

*Dakota County is not interested in Haugberg Woods because the park it is too small. PRAB encouraged staff to annex the 36 acres donated to the City of Northfield which is currently located in Greenvale Township.*

4. [17-1008](#) Consider Renaming of Meadows Park

**Attachments:** [Naming Meadows Park.pdf](#)

*Discussion was held on names for Meadows Park. PRAB members felt Meadows Park was a simple, attractive and descriptive name. They felt the name of the park should remain Meadows Park.*

**A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member de Malignon, to advance the recommendation of Meadows Park as the name for the park. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## VI. Adjournment

*Bart deMalignon shared pictures of the grass in Bridge Square. Because of the heavily used park, it is difficult to keep healthy grass in the park. But, because of the heavily used park, it is important to keep healthy grass in the park. Staff will look into seeding the area this fall.*

**A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member Jothen, to adjourn the September 2017 PRAB meeting at 8:25pm. The motion carried unanimously.**