



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, August 17, 2017

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

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

A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member de Malignon, to approve the August 2017 PRAB agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [17-947](#)

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes July 2017](#)

A motion was made by Board Member de Malignon, seconded by Board Member Jothan, to approve the July 20, 2017 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Comment

Mar Valdecantos & Kathryn Lozada discussed the possibility of installing a mini-golf course at Old Memorial Park. The women are excited to see another family friendly activity added to the park. They have a few ideas for contriubtors, hole design and course placement options within the park. PRAB members encourage the women to continue researching the possibility and report back with numbers and more details.

IV. Staff Reports

2. [17-948](#)

Staff Reports

Attachments: [August PRAB report.pdf](#)
[August Community Ed](#)
[Commuinty Ed Recreation Flyer](#)

Streets & Parks - The trail reclamation project is complete. The contractor will be back in town next week to repair a few sunken areas. The fields at Babcock and Sechler parks are being used, with the bathrooms being left open during the week. Babcock warming house will be moved and rebuilt this summer. Spring Creek shelter has been repainted. The PD is stepping up patrols around Memorial Park after dark. Wild parsnip has been treated in several parks.

Pool & Recreation - The arena will host a couple craft shows and an auction in the upcoming weeks now that the ice has been taken out. Pool attendance has been down this year due to the weather. The end of the season dog swim will take place September 1 & 2. A broom was requested for cleaning the pickleball courts.

Community Education - Swim lessons end August 10th, with registration up 35 participants. The August 8 Promise FAIRS was not well attended. The fall class brochure is out. There will be no men's softball league this year. A youth horseshoe hunt will take place this year on August 29. Discussion was held on ways to reduce the \$15 fee in upcoming years.

V. Unfinished Business

3. [17-949](#) Lashbrook Park Plaque

Attachments: [Lashbrook Park Plaque.pdf](#)

Discussion was held on the word passive being used on the Lashbrook Park plaque.

A motion was made by Board Member Jothan, seconded by Board Member de Malignon, to approve the wording on the plaque to be placed in Lashbrook Park as presented by The Friends of Lashbrook Park. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Gehring, Board Member de Malignon, Board Member Partlo and Board Member Jothan

No: 1 - Board Member Lutsky

4. **TMP-3170** Renaming of Meadows Park

Attachments: Naming Meadows Park.pdf

Discussion was held on the top three names for Meadows Park. PRAB members requested more time to research and decide on their top picks. The topic was tabled until the September PRAB meeting.

VI. New Business Items

5. [17-951](#) Hauberg Woods

Peggy Prowe shared her vision on improving the use of Hauberg Woods Park. She would like to explore the possibility of collaborating with Dakota County to improve the trails and allow access to a special area with a fen on the east side of the 52 acre park. PRAB members requested additional detailed maps of the park from staff.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member Partlo, to adjourn the August 2017 PRAB meeting at 8:27. The motion carried unanimously.