



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, October 19, 2017

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

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

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

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [17-1061](#)

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes - Sept 2017](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member de Malignon, to approve the September 21, 2017 minutes as amended to correct a spelling error. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Reports and Discussion Items

2. [17-1062](#)

Staff Reports

Attachments: [Oct PRAB Report Park.pdf](#)
[Oct PRAB Recreation Report.pdf](#)
[Oct PRAB Comm Ed Report.pdf](#)

Streets & Parks - Trees are being trimmed in parks and over trails. The parks have been winterize and irrigation turned off for the winter. Babcock warming house has been moved to its new pad and is ready for contractors to complete work on the structure. Greenvale and Washington warming houses have been stained. Playground inspections are almost finished. Sechler Park will close on October 27th and the trail through the park will be plowed this winter. Bridge Square will be over seeded in the spring. Rotary will be cleaning Riverside Park this coming Saturday from 9:00 - 11:00. Hauberg Woods will have a work on Saturday, October 28 to remove buckthorn. Way Park is hosting a pumpkin fest on Saturday, October 28. Discussion was held on putting together a "Friends of Northfield Parks" to share information on Northfield Parks to get more people involved and aware of park opportunities. The City of Northfield can develop Hauberg Woods on the east side of the railroad tracks, even though it is in Greenvale Township. Discussion was held on adding a class 5 gravel parking lot to access the east side of the park. Staff will report back at the November PRAB meeting regarding costs for parking lot as well as signing

boundaries.

Community Education - Flag football concluded on October 10, with 13 more participants. 2017 was the first year for girl's flag football with 28 participating. The Track & Field Sampler with its new format had a larger number of participants. Other fall youth programs are finishing up. The new spring brochure will go out December 8th. Discussion was held on adding adult broom ball to the winter schedule.

Pool & Recreation - Allison will be at the November PRAB meeting to discuss pool attendance and arena events.

V. Unfinished Business

3. [17-1063](#)

Attachments: [Climate Action Plan Presentation for Boards](#)

EQC members Kim Smith and Matt Rohn shared a presentation on Northfield's Climate Action Plan (CAP). They shared how climate changes are affecting Northfield and examples threats to parks from climate change.

4. [17-1064](#)

Update on pickle ball courts

Tim shared the cost to overlay the existing pickleball courts would be \$13,250. PRAB members discussed the cost of installing new courts as well as what will happen to the existing courts if no maintenance is done.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Hvistendahl, seconded by Board Member Lutsky, to adjourn the October 2017 PRAB meeting at 8:20pm. The motion carried unanimously.