

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, June 14, 2018

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair Kim Smith called the June EQC meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A motion was made by Board Member Kinney, seconded by Board Member Petri, to approve the June 2018 agenda as amended to include a conversation on pollinator friendly organizations. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [18-307](#)

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes May-2018](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Rohn, seconded by Board Member Kinney, to approve the May 2018 Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Unfinished Business

2. [18-308](#)

Discussion of Garbage Contract with DSI Representative

Attachments: [DSI Contract Questions for June EQC Meeting](#)
[SIGNED DSI Refuse Contract](#)

The residential refuse collection contract between DSI and the City of Northfield expires on March 31, 2019. DSI representatives were present to answer questions from EQC members, discuss "wishcycling" as well as realistic ways to improve service. Following a lengthy discussion, three areas were noted as priority areas to address when considering renewing the DSI contract in 2019. Those areas were:

- 1. improve recycling education to reduce contamination (stickers, mobile education center)*
- 2. receive waste stream data on an annual basis*
- 3. organic curb side composting*

Staff will draft a recommendation to be reviewed and approved by EQC in July to be presented to council in August.

3. [18-309](#)

Discussion of Urban Forest Management Policy

Attachments: [Northfield Urban Forest Plan 2014 final](#)

The Urban Forest Management Policy from 2014 was revisited. After review, several of

the items listed in the policy have already been completed and others were unrealistic. C. Hansen, G. Kinney and M. Rohn along with city forester, TJ Heinrich will look closer at the written policy to decide how to move forward with the document. The group will report back to EQC with their recommendations at the August EQC meeting.

Erica has a list of pollinator friendly organizations that she will email to C. Hanson. Other groups to consider would be 4-H clubs and scout troops.

V. Adjournment

Items for the July 2018 EQC meeting:

DSI

CAPAB

Organic Composting

Dark Skies - James Demas

A motion was made by Board Member Kinney, seconded by Board Member Miller, to adjourn the June 2018 meeting at 8:46pm. The motion carried unanimously.