



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, July 12, 2018

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

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

A motion was made by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Kinney, to approve the July 2018 agenda as amended to include an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [18-347](#)

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

A motion was made by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Rohn, to approve the June 2018 minutes as amended to correct a spelling error. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

Community member Nancy Braker, shared her concern regarding a potential problem tree - Amur Cork Tree.

Community member Cindy Blaha, shared her concern regarding blue light in Northfield.

IV. New Business Items

2. [18-348](#)

EQC to receive a presentation on Dark Skies

Attachments: [EQC 2018](#)

Jay Demas gave a presentation on Dark Skies. Discussion was held on City ordinances as well as street lights. EQC members would like to have a representative from Xcel come to an EQC meeting to discuss street lights.

V. Unfinished Business

Justin Wagner updated members on the happenings at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

January - pipe plug

May - fire

July - pipe break

Most of the repair costs will be covered by insurance. The City is looking at having a consultant come in to evaluate the damage and best way to repair the WWTP.

3. [18-349](#) EQC is to receive an Update from the CAPAB co-chairs

Attachments: [Draft of RFP for CAP](#)

Climate Action Plan Advisory Board, Co-Chair Alex Miller, updated EQC on the progress being made by the CAPAB which included defining the scope and topic areas of the CAP as well as a survey to be sent to community members.

4. [18-350](#) Motion to send DSI contract extension to City Council for staff to enter into negotiations.

Attachments: [EQC Contract Questions Answered by DSI](#)

Discussion was held on the importance of communication between DSI, The City and EQC when negotiating an extension to the refuse contract. EQC member, G. Kinney volunteered to be the EQC contact person.

A motion was made by Board Member Kinney, seconded by Board Member Miller, to have the City Council of Northfield direct staff to enter into contract negotiations with DSI for an extension of the refuse contract. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Items for the August 2018 EQC meeting:

** Tree update from Matt, George & Carla*

** Xcel representative*

A motion was made by Board Member Hansen, seconded by Board Member Miller, to adjourn the July 2018 meeting at 8:26pm. The motion carried unanimously.