



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, August 9, 2018

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Board Member Rohn, seconded by Board Member Kinney, to approve the August 2018 agenda as amended to include an update on Xcel Energy and Dark Skies. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [18-391](#)

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

A motion was made by Board Member Rohn, seconded by Board Member Kinney, to approve the July 2018 minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Unfinished Business

Discussion was held on the city street lights. K. Smith will attempt to contact Xcel Energy for more information.

2. [18-392](#) Urban Forest

Attachments: [Amur Cork Tree \(Phellodendron amuren\) -- draft EQC resolution](#)
[Urban forest](#)

*EQC felt the Amur Corktree needed to be added to the list of prohibited trees in Northfield. The urban forest report was reviewed and decided to move this body of work to the CAPAB. EQC also discussed the importance of having a staff forester. If a forester is not hired, one should be contracted.
K Smith & G. Kinney will meet with the chairman of the planning commission to discuss urban forestry.*

A motion was made by Board Member Rohn, seconded by Board Member Kinney, to move endorse the Amur Corktree resolution to send onto City Council and to add Amur Corktree to the list of prohibited trees in the City of Northfield. EQC requests City Council to delegate EQC to update the prohibited tree list. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. New Business Items

3. [18-393](#) Consider Draft Climate Action Plan Survey

Attachments: [NFLD SURVEY EQC](#)

EQC reviewed the Climate Action Plan survey to be distributed to the public. Discussion was held on how the data will be used. Suggestions were made to distribute paper copies at city hall, the library or on request. It was also suggested to have the survey translated to Spanish.

VI. Adjournment

Items for the September 2018 EQC meeting:

** Xcel Energy*

** Update on rebates (rain gardens, rain barrels, native plants)*

A motion was made by Board Member Petri, seconded by Board Member Kinney, to adjourn the August 2018 meeting at 7:45pm. The motion carried unanimously.