



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, November 4, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Alisha Hayes took Roll Call.

Present: Chair Peterson, Vice Chair, Lauer, Board Member Anderson, Board Member Jothen, Board Member Miller, Board Member Olson, Ex-Officio Member Holmes (non-voting) and Youth Representatives; Hollis Holden (non-voting) and Isaac Rich (voting).

Absent: Ex-Officio Member Bohar (non-voting)

Also present: Charlie Fredericks, Streets and Parks Manager; Dennis Clark, Streets & Parks Supervisor; Alisha Hayes, Administrative Associate; Melissa Bernhard, Recreation Coordinator at Northfield Community Education, CC Linstroth, Co-Chair Community Member of Age-friendly Northfield Steering Committee; Bruce Jacobson, Bruce Jacobson Landscape Architect LLC and representative from Bolton and Menk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Board Member Jothen, seconded by Board Member Anderson, to approve the November 4, 2024 agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: 7- Board Member Jothen, Chair Peterson, Board Member Anderson, Board Member Olson, Board Member Miller, Vice Chair Lauer and Commissioner Rich.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Board Member Anderson, seconded by Vice Chair Lauer, to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Board Member Jothen, Chair Peterson, Board Member Anderson, Board Member Olson, Board Member Miller, Vice Chair Lauer and Commissioner Rich

1. [24-651](#) September 9, 2024 PRAB Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [9-9-2024 Meeting Minutes](#)

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

*Richard Goerwitz, Northfield Resident
Topic: Winter Activities*

PRESENTATION

- 2. [BC 24-017](#) Recreation report on summer activities.

Melissa Bernhard presented recreation report on 2024 summer activities.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 3. [Res. 2024-104](#) Consider Resolution Approving the Sechler Park Long-Range Plan.

Attachments: [1-Sechler Long-Range Plan Resolution.docx](#)
[2-Parks-Open-Space Appendix-A-Sechler.pdf](#)
[3-Sechler Park Long-Range Plan Draft of Final Plan Document \(Pages\).pdf](#)
[4-2024-11-04 Sechler Park Long-Range Plan PRAB Presentation.pdf](#)

Public Comment on Sechler Park Long-Range Plan:

*Russ Bauer, Representative for Northfield Youth Baseball
Topic: Baseball improvements needed to host tournaments*

*Jamie Oderdahl- stated he grew up in Northfield and now lives here
Topic: shared that he likes what the community of Northfield has to offer.*

A motion was made by Board Member Jothan, seconded by Vice Chair Lauer, to approve the Resolution for the Sechler Long-Range Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Board Member Jothan, Chair Peterson, Board Member Anderson, Board Member Olson, Board Member Miller, Vice Chair Lauer and Commissioner Rich

STAFF UPDATES

Charlie Fredericks asked Board if they had any questions on the staff reports.

No questions from the Board.

- 4. [24-652](#) Staff Reports.

Attachments: [1 - November 2024 Park Report.pdf](#)

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Council Members Holmes- Sechler Long-Range Plan was presented at Council Meeting in October and feedback was positive.

This was approve.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

A motion was made by Board Member Anderson, seconded by Board Member Olson, to approve adjournment. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: 7- Board Member Jochen, Chair Peterson, Board Member Anderson, Board Member Olson, Board Member Miller, Vice Chair Lauer and Commissioner Rich