

NORTHFIELD PARK DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2025 NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER 6:30 PM APPROVED SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2025

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

- a. At 6:30pm the meeting was called to order.
 - i. A roll call was made
 - ii. Present Commissioners: Brandel, Kennedy, Lutz, Manojlovski, Pave, Pullins
 - iii. Absent Commissioners: None
 - iv. Also Present: Staff members Byron and Reuter
- 2. Approval / Additions to Agenda
- 3. Correspondence
- 4. Audience Comments
 - a. Carol Ritchell asked about the exemptions available to her on her tax bill.
 - b. Mike Richwine asked if we had any senior programs.
 - i. Charlie Orth mentioned that NSSC and NT Extension are direct competitors.
 - ii. Mike also mentioned that explaining all this to the older population would help because they're probably the ones voting against something like a referendum. "Talk to the North Shore Senior Center."
 - c. Mike Cohen asked if we could "time box" our tax referendum to then bring it back to the public.
 - He mentioned that videos of our Board/staff discussing the referendum and projects would help spread the word to the community and that could help us clarify everything we're trying to do.
 - d. Kim Orth asked how we get referendum information out to the public. "Seems like such a small price to pay" to better our community.
 - e. Laura Ash asked how many kids we've turned away from programs over the years.
 - i. She also asked if we could market higher costs and taxes later vs referendum costs now.
 - f. Carol Ritchell mentioned that highlighting how many and who we're serving in the community would help sell a referendum.

5. Director's Report

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- Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 08-25-25-01, First Amendment To Intergovernmental
 Lease Agreement Permitting Use By The Northfield Park District Of A Portion Of The Tower Road
 Right-Of-Way
 - Motion: Commissioner Pave made a motion to approve Resolution No. 08-25-25-01, First Amendment To Intergovernmental Lease Agreement Permitting Use By The Northfield Park District Of A Portion Of The Tower Road Right-Of-Way
 - ii. **Second**: Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was made.
 - iii. Voting Aye Commissioners: Brandel, Kennedy, Lutz, Manojlovski, Pave, Pullins
 - iv. Voting Nay Commissioners: None
 - v. Absent Commissioners:
 - vi. Abstaining Commissioners: None
 - vii. Motion Passed
- b. Commissioner Pave left at 7:00pm
- c. Referendum Discussion
 - i. Director Byron provided an update on the referendum timeline and discussed a plan for communication and community engagement for the next few months.
 - ii. President Kennedy mentioned that public meeting was positive and went well and that we need to work on new marketing ideas for the referendum. Overall, the public meeting was very positive.
 - 1. She also added that District 29 is planning to go to referendum in March.
- d. Informational Items
 - Director Byron mentioned that the MWRD permit needed for the Willow Park Project should be issued soon, and a pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for early September.
- 6. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of July 28th, 2025, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of July 28th, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - c. Approval of Cash Expenditures for Month of July 2025
 - i. Motion: Commissioner Brandel made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
 - ii. Second: Commissioner Pullins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was made.
 - iii. A voice vote showed unanimous approval
 - iv. Motion Passed
- 7. Agency Reports
 - a. Finance
 - b. Recreation / Park Grounds and Facilities
- 8. Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 et seq. topics
 - a. **Motion**: Commissioner Kennedy made a motion at 7:44pm to adjourn to closed session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 et seg. topics
 - b. **Second**: Commissioner Lutz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was made.
 - c. A voice vote showed unanimous approval

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d. Motion Passed

- e. To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- f. The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given the power to appoint under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).
- 9. Action, if any, with Respect to Matters in Closed Session
 - a. None
- 10. Board Member Comments
 - a. None
- 11. Adjournment
 - a. **Motion**: Commissioner Brandel made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm
 - b. **Second**: Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion.
 - c. A voice vote showed unanimous approval
- 12. Motion Passed