



**NORTHFIELD PARK DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER  
6:30 PM  
APPROVED MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
  - a. At 6:30pm the meeting was called to order. Director Byron asked for a motion to approve remote attendance by Commissioner Kennedy due to illness.
    - i. **Motion:** Commissioner Klein made a motion to approve remote attendance by Commissioner Kennedy due to illness.
    - ii. **Second:** Commissioner Brandel seconded the motion
    - iii. A voice vote showed unanimous approval
    - iv. **Motion Passed**
  - b. A roll call was made
  - c. **Present Commissioners:** Brandel, Filoramo, Kennedy (remote), Klein, Lutz, Pave
  - d. **Absent Commissioners:** Manojlovski
  - e. **Also Present:** Staff members Byron, Reuter
2. Approval / Additions to Agenda
  - a. None
3. Correspondence
  - a. None
4. Audience Comments
  - a. See sign in sheet for audience members
  - b. Any comments not related to the referendum
    - i. Charlie Orth said "Keep up the great work."
    - ii. Tracey Mendrek asked what we tell people about non-residents using the off-leash dog area. The Board informed her that the park is open to anyone.
  - c. Referendum related comments
5. Director's Report
  - a. Referendum Update
    - i. Director Byron informed the Board that the informational postcard was mailed to all residents on the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>. The postcard announced that the referendum was placed on the ballot for the April 1<sup>st</sup> election and included information on the tax impact for residents. Email communication began last night and will continue along with social media posts until the election. The dedicated web page has also been updated to reflect the referendum being placed on the ballot.
  - b. Willow Park Project Update

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- i. Director Byron informed the Board that due to a late addendum issued to address engineering concerns related to the new bridge, the bid opening has been pushed back to February 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Bids will be reviewed with consideration to award contracts at the next meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>, which should not delay the anticipated start of construction.
  - c. Consideration of Naming Rights for the Clarkson Park Lodge
    - i. Director Byron provided a brief statement regarding retired police Chief Bill Lustig and his decades of service to the Village of Northfield. He then asked the Board to consider naming the Clarkson Lodge in honor of Bill Lustig. A dedication ceremony is being planned with the Lustig Legacy Committee and will likely coincide with Market & Music.
    - ii. **Motion:** Commissioner Filoramo made a motion to approve the naming of the Clarkson Lodge in honor of Bill Lustig
    - iii. **Second:** Commissioner Klein seconded the motion. A roll call vote was made.
    - iv. **Voting Aye Commissioners:** Brandel, Filoramo, Kennedy, Klein, Lutz, Pave
    - v. **Voting Nay Commissioners:** None
    - vi. **Absent Commissioners:** Manojlovski
    - vii. **Abstaining Commissioners:** None
    - viii. **Motion Passed**
  - d. Informational Items
    - i. Director Byron informed the Board that the Village of Northfield exempted the Park District from the Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance at their January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The policy has been repealed.
    - ii. Director Byron informed the Board that staff have received 3 estimates to install a netting canopy over the backstop of the pony baseball field ranging from \$41-50k. Staff will begin preparing the documents necessary to solicit sealed bids for the project.
- 6. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - b. Approval of Cash Expenditures for Month of January 2025
    - i. **Motion:** Commissioner Klein made a motion to approve the consent agenda
    - ii. **Second:** Commissioner Pave seconded the motion.
    - iii. A voice vote showed unanimous approval
    - iv. **Motion Passed**
- 7. Agency Reports
  - a. Finance
    - i. Director Byron stated that the financial reports are on track and the Board had no questions.
  - b. Recreation / Park Grounds and Facilities
    - i. Superintendent Reuter highlighted that Pre Pre-K is once again available to mark as an “interest” on NFCNS’s registration paperwork, that the new Homework Club at Sunset Ridge School has been successful so far, and that the bands for this year’s Market & Music and Clarkson Cookout are booked.
- 8. Board Member Comments
  - i. Commissioner Lutz stated that the PTO is planning 5k, possibly the same day as Clarkson Cookout but north of Willow Road. Shouldn’t impact Cookout as it will be in the morning. She also asked if Director Byron or a Board member would be willing to attend the March

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10<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting at 9am on Zoom to talk about the Referendum. Director Byron said he would do it.

- b. Commissioner Brandel discussed the concepts of adding ping pong tables for teens, community gardens, and a library of things for residents.
9. Adjournment
- a. **Motion:** Commissioner Pave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm.
  - b. **Second:** Commissioner Klein seconded the motion.
  - c. A voice vote showed unanimous approval
  - d. **Motion Passed**