



**NORTHFIELD PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2024
NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
6:30 PM
APPROVED NOVEMBER 18th, 2024**

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
 - a. At 6:30 p.m. a roll call was made.
 - b. Present: Commissioners: Brandel, Kennedy, Klein, Lutz, Manojlovski, Pave
 - c. Absent: Commissioners: Filoramo
 - d. Also Present: Staff members: Byron, Guillen
2. Approval / Additions to Agenda
 - a. None
3. Correspondence
 - a. Director Byron announced that Superintendent Jim Reuter is on parental leave. The baby was born last Friday!!
 - b. Split rail fence has turned out to be a great solution for that area.
 - c. Most feedback has been very positive. The overwhelming comment is that it is much nicer than expected.
 - d. Director Byron mentioned the email that was received after the Board packet was sent out. Board advised that the response to the email was appropriate.
 - e. Permanent signage will replace the temporary signs related to off-leash dogs at Willow Park
4. Audience Comments
 - a. See Sign in sheet.
 - b. Charles Orth said that the fence is fantastic.
5. Director's Report
 - a. Truth in Taxation Law Resolution # 10-28-24-01
 - i. Commissioner Klein made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda
 - ii. Commissioner Brandel seconded the motion. A roll vote call was made.
 - iii. Voting Aye: Commissioners: Brandel, Kennedy, Klein, Lutz, Manojlovski, Pave

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- iv. Voting Nay: Commissioners: None
- v. Absent: Commissioners: Filoramo
- vi. Abstaining: Commissioners: None
- vii. MOTION passed

b. Willow Park Project Update

- i. Village of Northfield Plan and Zoning Commission, Monday November 4th, 2024, at 7:00pm. Director Byron will prepare a PowerPoint presentation, commissioner Pave will come along.
- ii. Village of Northfield Architectural Commission, Monday November 11th, 2024, at 7:00pm
- iii. Both meetings will be held at Village Hall, 361 Happ Road.

. Remaining Willow Park project improvements to be considered:

- A new bridge capable of handling maintenance equipment and vehicles in addition to pedestrians
- Small Park Shelter
- Trail extensions
- Enhanced natural areas, landscape beautification, bird habitats, and pollinator gardens
- River overlook
- Replacement of aging outdoor fitness stations and batting cage
- Gaga ball pit
- 9-hole disc golf course

c. Capital Funding Discussion

- i. Financial Representatives came to the Admin Finance meeting and presented all types of funding options.
- ii. The current comprehensive plan is unfunded. Speer presented several options, and the Limiting rate referendum was the focus. This type of referendum is not directly tied to the capital projects.
- iii. The Northfield Park District has never gone to referendum; all the inventory of completed projects has been done with accumulated reserves, grants and foundation donations.
- iv. The Northfield Parks Foundation supports this idea as it complements the overall message. It creates sustainable income. Currently without foundation funds the agency can't expand, and even with that caution is needed when new construction is considered because it may not be maintainable. The foundation should be a supporting arm instead of a necessary funding mechanism.
- v. Summary of the potential projects
 - 1. Land Purchase, Tower Road ROW Park, Fox Meadow Board Walk Loop, Maintenance Facility, Community Center Expansion.
 - 2. Mid-range number is \$8M to accomplish the potential projects.
- i. The Park Board directed Director Byron to move forward with the limiting rate increase information, preparation. Everyone is in support. The next steps are:
 - 1. Resolutions must be passed before filing with Cook County.
 - 2. Director Byron will talk to School District 29 Staff

W. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of September 23rd, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of October 10th, 2024, Administration & Finance Committee Minutes
- c. Approval of Cash Expenditures for Month of September 2024
 - i. Commissioner Klein made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda
 - ii. Commissioner Brandel seconded the motion. A roll vote call was made.
 - iii. Voting Aye: Commissioners: Brandel, Kennedy, Klein, Lutz, Manojlovski, Pave
 - iv. Voting Nay: Commissioners: None
 - v. Absent: Commissioners: Filoramo
 - vi. Abstaining: Commissioners: None
 - vii. Motion Passed

X. Agency Reports

- a. Finance -ERI IMRF payment to be made in November
- b. Recreation / Park Grounds and Facilities
 - i. Park District is working on plans to continue Sunset Ridge School Homework Club
 - ii. Boo bash was Friday with a theme appropriate power outage and very well attended
 - iii. Holiday Fest is coming up
 - iv. Past programs that were discussed to be repeated in the future
 1. Indoor pickle after lessons end
 2. Autum Market
 3. Movie in the park later in the evening for older kids
 4. Drive in Movie
 - v. Splash pad is closed
 - vi. Laser grading is going well

Y. Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Pave made a motion to adjourn at 7:24pm
- b. Commissioner Klein seconded the motion. A roll vote call was made.
- c. Voting Aye: Commissioners: Brandel, Kennedy, Klein, Lutz, Manojlovski, Pave
- d. Voting Nay: Commissioners: None
- e. Absent: Commissioners: Filoramo
- f. Abstaining: Commissioners: None