

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD**  
**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the meeting of August 27, 2018**

Present: Scott Haskins, Eliza Conde, Jared Paskavitch, Christina Beadle, Kevin Fife, Sheryl Tedford, Brittini Stewart, Mark Hayes, Jon Cilley

Also Present: Steve Partridge, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

**Beadle/Fife** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2018. **Motion passed**  
**Beadle/Fife** moved to approve the minutes of the site visit of July 23, 2018 as amended to reflect the revised start time for the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Motion passed.**

Board members reviewed and expanded upon park and open space development ideas developed to date:

- Keeping the horse ring but finding alternate uses for the facility when it is not used for horse shows, including ice rink, volleyball court, dog park, parking area, farmer's market/craft show
- Addition of girls' softball fields. Scott Haskins noted that the game is growing in popularity and that there are not enough fields in the area to meet demand.
- Adding a farmers market to skate park or pines park
- Building a municipal bike park that will dovetail into the popularity of mountain biking in the area created by the Highland Mountain facility.
- Scott Haskins outlined a plan to build a gazebo at pines park for community functions. Eliza Conde expressed concern that overuse of the park could result in soil compaction which may damage the trees.
- Utilization of river for kayak/tubing events. Eliza noted that this was already being done. Jon Cilley noted that if the town were to promote this we would want to ensure that rebar and other potential hazards are removed from the area.
- Sheryl Tedford noted that pines park could be a good place for farmer's markets and art shows, given its proximity to exit 19.
- Members agreed that the trails at the town forest property should be developed for hiking and/or biking. Eliza noted that the sand pit could be used as an archery range.

Jared Paskavitch said that a map showing available facilities would be useful in promoting their use.

It was decided to invite Andy Buteau and Chief Raffaely to the next meeting to discuss safety and maintenance issues in the parks and open spaces.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm

**Minutes Approved September 24, 2018**