

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
TUESDAY, May 18, 2021**

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Village President Greg Lungmus on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Village Clerk Stacy Sigman called the roll as follows:

Committee Members Present:	Absent:
Trustee Todd Fowler	
Trustee Barnaby Dinges	
Trustee Tom Whittaker	
Trustee Matt Galin	
Trustee Tracey Mendrek	
Trustee Charles Orth	

President Greg Lungmus

Others Present:
Village Attorney Mallory Milluzzi

Approval of the April 20, 2021 Report of Proceedings

Trustee Whittaker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fowler to approve the April 20, 2021 Report of Proceedings. Approval was unanimous.

Discussion of the Village Board 2020-21 Core Objectives

Village Manager Sigman indicated that past Boards have established Core Objectives to reflect current community priorities and to prioritize projects and resources. Board members were encouraged to share their thoughts on the draft FY2021/22 Objectives and make suggestions on possible additional programs.

Trustee Whittaker suggested engaging residents, as well as kids in projects such as Adopt a Street or Adopt a Fire Hydrant to further green initiatives. He recommended working with schools to involve students in doing service projects such as a Village Wide Clean-up.

Trustee Dinges suggested formalizing citizens and businesses to adopt areas for clean-up and possibly leverage Earth Day in the future. He recommended that Public Works potentially help by supplying bags and gloves in order to foster a much more engaged community.

Trustee Orth recommended that the Scouting Community get involved in service clean-up projects.

Village Manager Sigman stated that she liked the idea of a community clean-up, allowing groups to adopt and take responsibility for specific areas within the Village.

President Lungmus noted that years ago there was the “Give a Hoot. Don’t Pollute” campaign and stressed the importance of education and starting the momentum of a clean community. He indicated that this was not an expensive proposition and it would help beautify the Village.

Trustee Fowler inquired about the Safe Routes to School, which is a federal program that promotes walking and bicycling to school through infrastructure improvements.

Village Manager Sigman remarked that grants should be an additional focus under the goals of the 2040 Vision Plan.

President Lungmus specified that the Village needed to continue intergovernmental initiatives to collaborate with neighboring communities to improve service and efficiencies to reduce costs. He stated that staff would reassess the RED Center and Glenview Blue dispatching programs to ensure the Village was obtaining the best overall service.

Trustee Dinges noted that adequate and well-marked parking is vitally important to our business community. He said it would be beneficial to show where parking was available and offer alternative options as needed. He recommended making the Village a fun destination by having food trucks for sporting and other events and placing them in under-utilized areas. He emphasized that 2026 was the Village’s 100th Anniversary and suggested a build-up of Wau-Bun, making the centennial a 5-year event, creating a historical book on Northfield, and initiating a Public Art program.

Village Manager Sigman recommended that an outside foundation be formed to help raise funds through a nonprofit entity to help fulfill some of these goals.

President Lungmus said that a campaign to Advance Community Identity should be added to the objectives.

Village Manager Sigman stated that she would work the suggestions into a draft and bring back a revised version for the Board to review.

Discussion of the Village Board Procedural Guidelines

President Lungmus remarked that a Trustee had suggested that the Board consider adopting some procedural guidelines to help add consistency to communications and clarify procedures. President Lungmus asked the Board for their insights and feedback. The Board liked the guidelines but suggested that any v-group responses be shared in the Village Manager’s Friday update. They also recommended a section in the guidelines outlining crisis communication protocols.

Other Business

President Lungmus stated in the 4th of July parade, the vast majority of participants would be children under 12 who were not yet vaccinated. For the safety of the public and staff, the

decision was made to cancel the 4th of July parade. The Village will work with the Park District on a potential alternative event.

Trustee Orth made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mendrek to adjourn the meeting.

AYES:	Fowler	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: 0
	Dinges			
	Whittaker			
	Galín			
	Mendrek			
	Orth			

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.