

Northfield Village Caucus Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2025

Meeting called to order: at 7:00 pm.

Those in attendance

Members: Nancy Blake, Tim Carter, Jan Churchwell, Michael Cohen, Kathy Estabrooke (via phone), Mark Gantner, Abigayil Joseph, Juanita Martinez, Patti Morrell, Becky Newport, Kim Orth, Pamela Papadatos, Brad Rosset, Carol Ritchell, Chaya Rubenstein, Beverly Smith (Chair), Katie Sweeney.

New Members Voted in: Alicia Bellar.

Guests: Annie Challenger, Danielle Chircop, Kelly Clark, Olga Dukach, Charles Orth.

Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2025: Mark Gantner made the motion to approve, Patti Morrell seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Cohen reported no change.

Oversight Report: Michael Cohen reported: the Village is hoping to address the ongoing streaming issues for committee meetings in their budget. Skokie Valley Trail Project is moving slowly due to issues with Com Ed. A new ordinance requires sprinklers in new residential construction. Private Road off Happ requested estimates for road repairs from the Village Manager. General discussion regarding transparency issues between Village Meeting Minutes vs. what transpired: Using A/I to transcribe the Village Meetings to make it easier for staff was proposed. Brad Rossett (Architectural Review Board) reported an anonymous donation for New Trier Athletics may result in athletic field and lighting improvements at New Trier West. This may impact Meadowlake residents. Kathy Estabrooke (planning and zoning) reported that the new building development at the Josselyn Center site has been approved.

Membership Report: Patti Morrell reported 30 current members, not all in attendance. All precincts are represented. There was one proposed member present for their second meeting. Three applications pending.

Bylaws Committee Report: Tim Carter reported the committee expects to complete their review of the bylaws by December of 2025.

Library Report: Patti Morrell encouraged survey response.

Report on Happ Road Ad Hoc Committee Progress: Pam Papadatos reported that the committee has two subcommittees: Residential and Business. The next meeting will be November 19, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Middlefork School partial rebuild: brief discussion on tax impact, security and accessibility. Northfield Park District is planning a referendum. League of Women Voters reception will be December 12, 2025. The Village of Northfield will be 100 years old in October 2026. The Village is planning a centennial celebration on August 22, 2026 at Clarkson Park.

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Executive Session: Held. Action taken. Please welcome our new member, listed above.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to Adjourn made by Becky Newport, seconded by Michael Cohen. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm

Next Meeting Date: January 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm.