
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Executive Session
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
6:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Julie Genualdi, President
Joe LoVerde, Treasurer
Jim Hynes, Commissioner
Scott O'Brien, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Tom Elenz, Executive Director
Scot Neukirch, Director of Finance
Dan Shapiro, Attorney
Heather Petrie, Executive Admin. Coordinator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by President Genualdi.

Roll Call

Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll. Vice President O'Donovan was the only commissioner absent. Executive Director Tom Elenz, Finance Director Scot Neukirch, and Administrative Coordinator Heather Petrie were also present.

Discussion

1. Village of Niles/Niles Family Fitness Center

The Village's attorney sent a letter to the park district regarding items that were asked for and some that were not. Some questions were answered when the park district toured the fitness center, but the tour also raised more questions. Executive Director Elenz asked the Board to give Attorney Dan Shapiro some direction in responding to the Village.

One of the questions raised was whether the draft of the lease agreement was subject to FOIA. Since it was referenced as an agenda item, it is subject to FOIA. The Board also learned that the equipment at the fitness center is not part of the lease, and the Village intends on selling it.

The Board discussed taking very strong action against the Village in order to obtain the lease agreement by stating it is subject to FOIA. An argument heard from the Village was that because the lease agreement was listed as a draft on their agenda, they could have changed the lease agreement that night at their meeting. The Board asked Attorney Shapiro what their options would be.

Attorney Shapiro suggested if the Village attorney says no to our request for the lease agreement, the park district should contact the Public Access Counselor through the Attorney General's office at which point they investigate. This process could take a couple of weeks. Attorney Shapiro will prepare a letter and forward to Tom for review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Treasurer LoVerde to adjourn executive session. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President Genualdi	Yes
Treasurer LoVerde	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner O'Brien	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by President Genualdi to resume the regular board meeting. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President Genualdi	Yes
Treasurer LoVerde	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner O'Brien	Yes

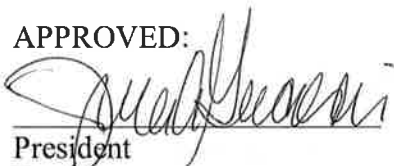
The motion passed 4-0

A motion was made by Treasurer LoVerde and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 pm. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President Genualdi	Yes
Treasurer LoVerde	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner O'Brien	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

APPROVED:



President
Board of Commissioners

Date: September 15, 2020



Board Secretary