
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Public Hearing
Tuesday, July 18, 2023
6:00 pm

Board Members present: Dennis O'Donovan, Vice President
Jim Hynes, Treasurer
Scott O'Brien, Commissioner
Ronnie Strzelecki, Commissioner

Staff Members present: Tom Elenz, Executive Director
Scot Neukirch, Finance Director
Heather Petrie, Executive Admin. Coordinator
Robin Brey, Recreation Programs
Laura Newton, Tam Tennis Manager
Jim Majewski, Facilities Superintendent
Chris Czajka, Grounds Superintendent
Marty Stankowicz, IceLand Manager
Kenny Krueger, Athletic Director
Julie Jentel, Marketing
Peter Dubs, Tam Golf Course Manager
Jim Stoneberg, Golf Course Superintendent

Dan Shapiro, Attorney
Eric Hoenig, Hitchcock Design Group
Martha Trotter, Sikich

1. **Call to order**
Vice President O'Donovan called the public hearing to order on Tuesday, July 18, at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call**
Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll. President Genualdi was absent.
3. **Golf Mill Park East Phase 2 Conceptual Plan Presentation by Hitchcock Design**
This public hearing is required to submit an OSLAD grant for phase 2 of the Golf Mill Park East project. Eric Hornig from Hitchcock Design was present to go over the site plan and answer any questions.

The OSLAD grant the park district is applying for is a matching grant for a maximum of \$600,000 and the park district would match that totaling \$1.2 million. The grant is looking for diversity of recreational components. They would like to see 5 different components. They would also like to focus on environmental enhancements.

Phase 1 included pickleball, tennis, and basketball courts, a shelter, a drinking fountain, and game tables. Phase 1 has advanced to include a lane between the pickleball courts and individual gates into the pickleball courts. The shelter was shifted slightly to the southeast and consequently pushed the playground slightly. They will have a full-size soccer field with in line netting and irrigation. There will be trails around the perimeter with bleacher pads to the north. There will be fitness stations along the trails and sports lighting on both sides of the fields. Baggo courts will be going in west of the soccer field. There is a butterfly garden planned to go

in front of the shelter. The Board asked if there was a plan for a scoreboard for the soccer field and at this point it has not been considered.

They are trying to work the playground in and around the existing trees and are considering a vertical format, potentially with some tower elements. They would like to make this a destination playground with unique features.

Hitchcock Design plans on submitting the OSLAD grant by August 31st. They anticipate that the award will come in January. If awarded, then designing and bidding could begin in January and February, and construct in April.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Closing Comments

There were no additional comments.

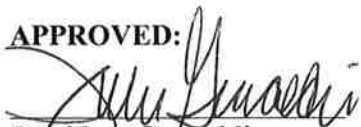
6. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Vice President O'Donovan and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to adjourn the public hearing. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

Vice President O'Donovan	Yes
Treasurer Hynes	Yes
Commissioner O'Brien	Yes
Commissioner Strzelecki	Yes

The motion passed 4 – 0.

APPROVED:


President Genualdi
Board of Commissioners
Date: July 18 , 2023


Board Secretary