
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
6:00 pm

Board Members present: Julie Genualdi, Vice President
George Van Geem, Treasurer
Jim Hynes, Commissioner
Dennis O'Donovan, Commissioner

Staff Members present: Tom Elenz, Executive Director
Scot Neukirch, Director of Finance
Heather Petrie, Executive Admin. Coordinator
Ethan Bontly, Tam Tennis
Jim Majewski, Facilities Superintendent
Marty Stankowicz, IceLand
Peter Dubs, Tam Golf Course
Paul Nielsen, Athletic Director
Julie Jentel, Marketing
Jim Stoneberg, Golf Course Superintendent

Regular Board Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
Vice President Genualdi called the regular board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Vice President Genualdi led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Roll Call**
Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll. President O'Brien was absent.
4. **Changes to the Agenda**
There were no changes to the agenda.
5. **Consent Agenda Approval**
Treasurer Van Geem asked that the minutes be corrected to indicate that Commissioner Hynes was absent at the last meeting, and that Commissioner Genualdi was present.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Voucher List as presented May 31, 2022 – summary by fund:

General Fund	\$172,183.26
Recreation	\$169,071.63
Ice Rink	\$37,714.03
Swimming Pool	\$4,777.60
Golf Course	\$56,500.27
IMRF	-
Debt Service Fund	-

General Liability	\$4,542.00
Paving & Lighting	\$667.45
Police Protection	\$216.00
Handicapped	\$41,699.34
Capital	-
Audit	\$875.00
Grand Total	\$488,246.58

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Commissioner O'Donovan to accept the corrected minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 17, 2022, and the Voucher lists as presented, May 31, 2022. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

Vice President Genualdi	Yes
Treasurer Van Geem	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner O'Donovan	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

6. Treasurer's Reports

Treasurer Van Geem read both treasurer reports.

A motion was made by Treasurer Van Geem and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to accept the treasurer's reports from the months of April and May, 2022. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

Vice President Genualdi	Yes
Treasurer Van Geem	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner O'Donovan	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

7. Reports of Park Officials

- A. There was no President's report.
- B. There was no Attorney's report.

8. Board Reports

Jim Stoneberg, Golf Course Maintenance

- Preparing for the heat with hand watering and spot applications of wetting agents, aerification of dry spots around the course.
- Pump station has been performing great along with software upgrades and the new VFD.
- Pine trees junction spray application completed this month with 2nd application scheduled for early July.
- Irrigation systems servicing, cleaning and repairs as needed to prepare for July and August heat.
- Porta Pot has been delivered and is out by 8 tee for the golfers.
- I had the pleasure of being interviewed by Golf Course Industry magazine last month. To my surprise 6 green made the front cover of the May publication featuring 9-hole

Historic courses along with 2 articles. Ingenuity of a few and Historic Heartbeat of Golf. It was an honor to get to be part of this issue and great to get overwhelming response from my peers in the Golf Maintenance world.

Peter Dubs, Tam Golf Course

- After being closed the first week of May due to flooding, the weather has mostly cooperated allowing for fairly steady play since then. Round totals still trail last season due to our slow start to the year. To date we have hosted 9500 rounds compared to 12500 over the same time period last year. For some perspective, 3000 rounds is approximately 12 days worth of play during good weather.
- Day to day operations are running smoothly and our leagues and permanent tee times have completed about a third of their season. Outing bookings and program participation continue to be right on track with seasonal expectations.
- We recently hosted a production crew who is filming a golf/travel show highlighting 9-hole facilities across the country. We will be featured in the episode they are producing on the Chicago area. While the show itself is just a personal project at the moment, it will be pitched to networks to potentially pick up, and regardless of whether anything ever airs or not, we will get to see and use some of the footage they shot here.

Paul Nielsen, Athletics Department

- The Summer Youth Basketball Season will be beginning the week after the Fourth of July. The enrollment is over 1400 players. That is the highest number of players we have ever had enrolled in the summer league.
- Sport Camp is underway and appears camp will be sold out every week of the summer.
- The Outdoor Spring Soccer also has a record number of players. There are over 550 players this year. Games will be concluding in the next two weeks.
- Youth Volleyball League will also be concluding for 350 players
- In the month of July, we are offering Soccer Camps, Vince Thomas Basketball Camps, and Volleyball Camps.
- There currently is Men's 16" Softball Leagues on two nights, Co-Rec Softball league, Co-Rec Soccer league, High School Basketball league and a College Basketball league.
- Rental Demand continues to be strong and Open Gym is picking up more each week.
- All the Softball Tournament and Baseball tournaments are scheduled for next month
- The department is currently at 1.1 million in revenue and expect it to reach over 2 million by the end of the year and that be our highest year on record.

Julie Jentel, Marketing

- Promoting our summer special events- Movie in the Park and Oak Park Concerts. Movie is June 17, and concerts begin June 24.
- Starting to work on some fall programming that have summer deadlines.
- Staff has been given their Fall Guide section to update for this season.

Marty Stankowicz, IceLand

- Summer skating and hockey classes along with summer camps started on June 13th.
- Registration numbers are up from last year for all camps.
- Summer ice rental schedules are completed as is rentals of the outdoor rink for lacrosse.
- Fall programming and ice scheduling is in progress.
- Planning for July 4th parade is underway and float repairs will start next week.

Jim Majewski, Park Services

- Drinking fountains will be started to be installed this week
- Fourth of July preparations are being made
- Dealing with storm issues from last Monday
- Keeping up with any air conditioning issues
- Kirklane pickleball courts have been paved, perimeter fence us back up, gate was installed on Northwest corner. Divider fencing is scheduled for Tuesday then it will be prime coated and color coated

Laura Newton, Tam Tennis

- USTA Matches are booked for the summer. They are schedule on weeknights and weekends.
- We started our summer hours for tennis courts which is Monday -Friday 6am-9pm & Saturday-Sunday 7am-7pm.
All matches are held within those times.
The hours are subject to change (close early) based on court bookings.
- Do you want to host the Harvest Hustle? If so, Saturday October 15th would be the possible date.

Chris Czajka, Superintendent of Grounds

- Flowers are being planted at all our sign beds.
- Prepping Oak Park for June 24th event
- Prepping Grennan Heights park for 4th of July event
- Swing bay repair at Oak Park.
- Weeding of mulch beds done daily / Parkwide
- Playground inspections and repairs / Parkwide / Also vandalism removal if needed
- Ballfields and soccer fields are prepped daily and ready for practices and games
- Shrub trimming and tree maintenance – Parkwide
- Mowing turf and garbage removal daily
- Mulching and weeding beds Parkwide

Robin Brey, Programs Supervisor

- Camps are underway and off to a good start with. We have high enrollments for Rec Camp at Oasis, Lil Campers at HLC and Dance camp at LoVerde. Parents are complimentary and most important the kids are having a blast!
- Summer Concerts begin Friday June 24th at Oak Park from 6-8pm. Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum band will kick off the series. Concerts will run through August 5th.

Bob Kreiling, Park Patrol

- We are now patrolling summer hours 6pm till 11pm •
- We will maintain the north and south patrol along with Pioneer. •
- We have hired 3 new patrol officers, bring our staff to 14. They will be training during June and be worked into the rotation effective July 1st •
- Incidents to report: We have been experiencing graffiti tagging at Grennan Heights a couple of times, as well as once at both Oak Park and Washing Park.

Denise Dublinski, Oasis

- Opened on Memorial Day weekend.

- Pool staff worked with maintenance staff to clean, paint and learn the nuances of the facility.
- Staff participated in over 25 hours of training.
- The first sessions of swim lessons have just started.
- A pool pass holder appreciation day is being planned.

9. New Business

A. Discussion/Approval of a contract with Prescient Solutions

Prescient Solutions is the park district's IT support. They were hired in 2019 and this is our second 3 year contract with them. Approval is being requested to renew their contract in the amount of \$126,072.

A motion was made by Treasurer Van Geem and seconded by Commissioner O'Donovan to approve a contract with Prescient Solutions for IT services, in the amount of \$126, 072.

Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

Vice President Genualdi	Yes
Treasurer Van Geem	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner O'Donovan	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

B. Discussion/Approval of open gym fee

Young adult patrons, estimated to be 23 years old, are coming to open gym times claiming to be 17 to get the lower rate. This has been happening primarily at Golf View. They have no proof of id and are getting into confrontations with staff where people have been asked to leave. Staff recommends lowering the age for the lower rate to 13 years old, making it more difficult for a 22-year-old to pass for 13. The Board asked if we are requiring any type of id when renting. Staff does ask to see id. The Board suggested that people 16 and older must show id to enter or be turned away. A police presence may need to be there for the first couple of weeks and signage should be prominently posted. The Board ultimately suggested someone either show their id for proof of age or pay the higher rate.

10. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

11. Miscellaneous

Commissioners and Staff will meet Grennan Heights on July 4th and leave for Notre Dame at 8:15am.

The Board suggested that the bathrooms at Howard Street Inn be considered for renovation. Particularly it was noted that the women's bathroom needed to be addressed. One Commissioner noted that people have approached her with this concern.

12. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

13. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

14. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Commissioner O'Donovan to adjourn the regular board meeting. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

Vice President Genualdi	Yes
Treasurer Van Geem	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner O'Donovan	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

APPROVED:



President O'Brien
Board of Commissioners
Date: June 21, 2022


Board Secretary