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## NILES PARK DISTRICT

### Minutes of Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6:01 pm

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Board Members present: Jim Hynes, President  
Ronnie Strzelecki, Vice President  
Julie Genualdi, Treasurer  
Joe LoVerde, Commissioner  
Jim Hynes, Commissioner

Staff Members present: Tom Elenz, Executive Director  
Scot Neukirch, Finance Director  
Heather Petrie, Executive Admin. Coordinator  
Robin Brey, Recreation Programs  
Jackson Theil, Tam Tennis  
Jim Majewski, Facilities Superintendent  
Marty Stankowicz, Iceland  
Chris Czajka, Superintendent of Grounds  
Kenny Krueger, Athletic Director  
Julie Jentel, Marketing  
Peter Dubs, Golf Course Club House  
Eric Aquayo, Golf Course Grounds

Dan Shapiro, Attorney

1. **Call to order**

President Hynes called the regular board meeting to order on Tuesday, May 19, at 6:00 pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll. All Commissioners were present

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

President Hynes led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

4. **Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. **Consent Agenda Approval**

Minutes of the; Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 21, 2026 and Voucher List as presented April 30, 2026 – summary by fund:

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|-------------------|--------------|
| General Fund      | \$55,056.12  |
| Recreation        | \$73,376.27  |
| Ice Rink          | \$14,525.80  |
| Swimming Pool     | \$1,099.05   |
| Golf Course       | \$216,746.84 |
| IMRF              | -            |
| Debt Service Fund | -            |
| General Liability | \$6,359.00   |

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Paving & Lighting | \$1,048.92   |
| Police Protection | -            |
| Handicapped       | \$26.80      |
| Capital           | -            |
| Audit             | -            |
| Grand Total       | \$368,238.80 |

A motion was made by Treasurer Genualdi and seconded by Commissioner Strzelecki to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 21, 2026, and the Voucher lists as presented, April 30, 2026. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| President Hynes           | Yes |
| Vice President Strzelecki | Yes |
| Treasurer Genualdi        | Yes |
| Commissioner LoVerde      | Yes |
| Commissioner O'Brien      | Yes |

The motion passed 5-0.

#### 6. **Treasurer's Reports**

Treasurer Genualdi read the treasurer's report for the month ending April 2026.

A motion was made by Treasurer Genualdi and seconded by Vice President Strzelecki to accept the April 2026 treasurer's report. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| President Hynes           | Yes |
| Vice President Strzelecki | Yes |
| Treasurer Genualdi        | Yes |
| Commissioner LoVerde      | Yes |
| Commissioner O'Brien      | Yes |

The motion passed 5-0.

#### 7. **Reports of Park Officials**

##### **A. President's Report**

President Hynes recently attended some baseball games in Edison Park and said that many people mentioned to him how much they enjoy playing baseball and hockey in Niles. He wanted staff to know that other people notice and appreciate their hard work.

##### **B. Attorney's Report**

There was no Attorney's report.

#### 8. **Annual Re-Organization of the Park District Board**

##### **A. Election of Board President**

Attorney Shapiro called for nominations for the office of Board President. President Hynes nominated Ronnie Strzelecki for Board President. A motion was made by Treasurer Genualdi and seconded by President Hynes to elect Ronnie Strzelecki to the office of Board President. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| President Hynes           | Yes |
| Vice President Strzelecki | Yes |

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| Treasurer Genualdi   | Yes |
| Commissioner LoVerde | Yes |
| Commissioner O'Brien | Yes |

The motion passed 5-0.

#### **B. Election of Board Vice President**

Attorney Shapiro called for nominations for the office of Vice President. Commissioner Hynes nominated Julie Genualdi for Vice President. A motion was made by President Strzelecki and seconded by Commissioner Scott O'Brien to elect Julie Genualdi to the office of Board Vice President. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| President Strzelecki | Yes |
| Treasurer Genualdi   | Yes |
| Commissioner O'Brien | Yes |
| Commissioner Hynes   | Yes |
| Commissioner LoVerde | Yes |

The motion passed 5-0

#### **C. Election of Board Treasurer**

Attorney Shapiro called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Vice President Julie Genualdi nominated Joe LoVerde for Treasurer. A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Vice President Genualdi to elect Joe LoVerde to the office of Treasurer. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| President Strzelecki    | Yes |
| Vice President Genualdi | Yes |
| Commissioner Hynes      | Yes |
| Commissioner O'Brien    | Yes |
| Commissioner LoVerde    | Yes |

The motion passed 5-0

#### **D. Appointment of Board Secretary**

A motion was made by Vice President Genualdi and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to appoint Executive Director Tom Elenz to the position of Board Secretary. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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|-------------------------|-----|
| President Strzelecki    | Yes |
| Vice President Genualdi | Yes |
| Treasurer LoVerde       | Yes |
| Commissioner O'Brien    | Yes |
| Commissioner Hynes      | Yes |

The motion passed 5-0

#### **E. Appointment of Park District Attorney**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Vice President Genualdi to appoint Dan Shapiro as the Board Attorney for the Niles Park District. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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|-------------------------|-----|
| President Strzelecki    | Yes |
| Vice President Genualdi | Yes |
| Treasurer LoVerde       | Yes |
| Commissioner O'Brien    | Yes |
| Commissioner Hynes      | Yes |

The motion passed 5-0

## 9. **Board Reports**

### **Robin Brey, Programs Supervisor**

- Dance Recital will be on June 6th at Culver School. Dancers are super excited to showcase their talents.
- Preschool school ended their school year last week with celebrations and graduations. Thank you to all our teachers for another outstanding school year.
- Summer camps begin June 1st for early childhood camps and June 8th for Rec and Sports Camps along with dance camps, art camp and tech camps. Registration continues throughout the summer for all camp offerings.
- Oasis is set to open Memorial Day weekend weather permitting.

### **Jackson Theil, Tam Tennis**

- They took the old machines out and the new treadmills and lat pulldown machines were installed. We are doing online class signups for the first time this Summer. They will begin on Friday May 15. Our 2025-2026 indoor season is coming to an end and we will begin our preparations for Fall.
- Budget Profit increase is up \$8,187 compared to last year.
- Revenue Increase from 2025
- Private Lessons: \$4,698
- Junior Tennis Program: -\$7,026
- Adult Tennis Program: \$1,509
- Court Fees: \$13,544
- Tennis Memberships: -\$148
- Fitness: -\$880
- Junior Programs - Classes are underway for the Spring session. We are at 86% class enrollment. Summer Sign-ups will be online on Friday May 15.
- Adults Programs - Classes are underway for the Spring. We are at 85% class enrollment. Summer Sign-ups will be online on Friday May 15.
- Private Lessons - Private lessons are popular but have died down a lot. Due to it being nice and everyone starting to play outside.
- Fitness Programs - The new treadmills and lat pulldown machines were installed. Many members are very happy about the new machines.

### **Jim Majewski, Park Services**

- Getting pool ready for its opening this weekend
- Benches and tables have been mounted at Golf Mill Park
- Much of the construction fence has been taken down at Golf Mill Park and playground and tennis/ pickleball courts are open.
- The band shell at Oak Park has started, demolition is done and foundation work is underway

**Marty Stankowicz, IceLand**

- Ice Show was held the first weekend of May. The three shows were well attended, ticket sales were slightly lower than last year at 710. There were 110 individual skaters.
- Spring League Hockey ends this week. We will host playoffs at Iceland starting on Friday May 15.
- Learn to skate and hockey classes are in the final weeks. They end June 6th with no break until summer classes begin. Registration for all summer programs and camps is ongoing.

**Chris Czajka, Superintendent of Grounds**

- All soccer fields have been laid out and lined and all goals have been delivered to field sites
- All ball fields have been prepped and are maintained daily for games
- Planting flowers in our sign beds
- Bush trimming and tree pruning parkwide
- All drinking fountains have been turned on
- Mowing turf
- Playground inspections and repairs

**Scot Neukirch, Finance Director**

The auditors have completed their field work for the 2025 audit. Staff has received the first draft of the report and is currently drafting the required narratives. Once completed staff will present it to the Board for approval. The finance and administration department has completed 2 weeks of training and has completed the transition to the new park district financial software. Staff was thanked for their assistance during this transition.

Last week the park district received the first of two \$600,000 OSLAD grants for the Golf Mill project.

Construction of the new band stage at Oak Park is underway and is expected to be ready for the first concert on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Julie Jentel, Marketing**

- Work on the Fall Guide has begun.
- With the summer movie and concerts coming up in a few weeks, I will begin to advertise those events soon. Notice went out about the Golf Mill Park Opening.
- Helping Rec Dept with preschool end of year certificates, and Piano Recital certificates and programs.

**Kenny Krueger, Athletic Director**

- All Spring programs are underway.
- Summer league registration is wrapping up this week.
- Strikers have two weeks left in their season. Staff is considering adding two girls teams.
- Staff is preparing for summer camp with CPR and other safety trainings underway.

### **Peter Dubs, Tam Golf Course Club House**

- Through May 10<sup>th</sup>, we've hosted 4,344 rounds so far this season, which trails last year by approximately 1,200.
- Positives to note from our accounts that aren't as directly affected by the early season weather, are that revenues from Leagues, Outings, and Permanent Tee Times are all up compared to the same point in time last season. Early numbers for Outings seem to be especially promising...again weather permitting.
- League & Permanent tee times began play May 11th and will continue through the summer, wrapping up mid to late August depending on how cooperative the weather is. There are over 650 individuals across these groups who play with us every week.
- The annual ad we run in Chicago District Golfer, the magazine of the Chicago District Golf Association, will be printed in next month's June issue and reach approximately 94,000 area golfers.

### **Eric Aguayo, Golf Course Maintenance**

- Due to the significant amount of rain we've gotten this spring, we took advantage of the soft turf and aerated the areas around the course that get heavy traffic and have compacted soil. This will make those troubled areas easier to address during the season now.
- Sand was added to the bunkers that were low from washouts due to the floods that occurred earlier in the spring. We also added sand to all the bunkers as part of the annual bunker maintenance.
- Mulch was added to the entrance of the golf course as well as the restaurant and around the leisure center.
- The grounded stumps were cleaned and refilled with soil, the next step is prepping them for sod.
- The irrigation around HLC and the restaurant is turned on for the season.
- Daily maintenance and trimming on the course.

### **Carl Steffen, Park Patrol**

- No reported incidents
- Officers continue to monitor Golf Mill Park.

## **10. New Business**

### **A. Discussion/Approval of an agreement with Northridge Preparatory School**

Staff is looking for Board approval for an agreement between the Park District and Northridge Prep School for the use of Golf Mill Park, Pioneer Park, and Washington Park. Northridge Prep has agreed to pay the Park District \$10,000 in exchange for the use of the parks as outlined in the agreement provided to the Board. This is the same agreement as last year.

The Board asked Staff for more specifics regarding the number of hours we use Northridge Prep, and the number of hours they use our parks and how the amount of \$10,000 was determined.

A motion was made by Treasurer LoVerde and seconded by Vice President Genualdi to table this decision until Staff provides more information to determine whether the amount of \$10,000 is acceptable. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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|-------------------------|-----|
| President Strzelecki    | Yes |
| Vice President Genualdi | Yes |
| Treasurer LoVerde       | Yes |

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| Commissioner O'Brien | *Yes |
| Commissioner Hynes   | Yes  |

The motion passed 5-0

\*Commissioner O'Brien wanted the record to reflect that he had the same concern about whether \$10,000 was an acceptable amount a year ago when this issue was first brought to the Board.

11. **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

12. **Miscellaneous**

The Board thanked Staff for alerting them to an issue at Golf Mill Park.

13. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

14. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Vice President Genualdi and seconded by President Strzelecki to adjourn the regular board meeting. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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|-------------------------|-----|
| President Strzelecki    | Yes |
| Vice President Genualdi | Yes |
| Treasurer LoVerde       | Yes |
| Commissioner O'Brien    | Yes |
| Commissioner Hynes      | Yes |

The motion passed 5-0

**APPROVED:**

  
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**President Strzelecki**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
**Date: May 19, 2026**

  
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**Board Secretary**

