
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Special Meeting
Howard Leisure Center
Monday, July 12, 2021
6:31 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS: Dennis O'Donovan, President
Scott O'Brien, Vice President
Jim Hynes, Treasurer
Julie Genualdi, Commissioner

ATTORNEY: Dan Shapiro

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Tom Elenz, Executive Director; Scot Neukirch Finance Director

GUESTS: George Van Geem

1. CALL TO ORDER

President O'Donovan called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President O'Donovan led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A Motion was made by Treasurer Hynes and seconded by Commissioner Genualdi to convene into Executive Session. Executive Director Elenz called the roll:

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

The Motion passed 4-0

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING BOARD VACANCY

This meeting is to discuss the potential selection to fulfill the current vacancy on the Park District's Board of Commissioners. The Board wanted to meet with Commissioner Candidate George Van Geem. The Board wanted to determine if there would be any conflict of interest between the Park District and the Village of Niles with this candidate.

The candidate was asked how he would deal with any potential conflict of interest as he currently serves on the Village of Niles Finance Committee and is seeking to serve on the Park District's Board of Commissioners.

The candidate stated if he was in a position that was uncomfortable for any parties, he would recuse himself. He went on to say that if he had to resign from the Finance Committee to stay on the Park District Board, he would.

The candidate went on to say that he has been a Niles resident for 25 years and he and his family have utilized the programs of the Park District during that time. He feels it's a well-run district and just wants an opportunity to contribute and he's here to help.

He added that he's been on various boards for years and enjoys their collaborative nature. Additionally, as a retiree, he has time to contribute.

A Motion was made by Treasurer Hynes and seconded by Commissioner Genualdi to end Executive Session. Executive Director Elenz called the roll:

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

The Motion passed 4-0.

A Motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Commissioner Genualdi to reconvene into the special meeting. Executive Director Elenz called the roll:

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

The Motion passed 4-0.

A Motion was made by Treasurer Hynes and seconded by Commissioner Genualdi to appoint George Van Geem to the Niles Park District Board of Commissioners. Executive Director Elenz called the roll:

President O'Donovan	Yes
Vice President O'Brien	No
Treasurer Hynes	Yes
Commissioner Genualdi	Yes

The Motion passed 3-1.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Genualdi and seconded by President O'Donovan Genualdi to adjourn the meeting. Executive Director Elenz called the roll:

President O'Donovan Yes

Vice President O'Brien Yes

Treasurer Hynes Yes

Commissioner Genualdi Yes

The Motion passed 4-0.