
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Special Meeting
Howard Leisure Center
Tuesday, July 6, 2021
5:00 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

1. CALL TO ORDER

President O'Donovan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President O'Donovan led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

4. DISCUSSION

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

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| 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 pursuant to section 2 (C) 3 of the Open Meetings Act

Staff received 3 applications for the vacant Park Board position, which were forwarded to the Board. This meeting is to discuss and hopefully come to a consensus on whom to appoint to the Board of Commissioners.

The Board asked if they were required to make an appointment. The answer is no, however, with a Board consisting of 4 members, a vote may result in a 2/2 tie.

The Board felt that the candidate with a strong financial background could be an asset to the Park District, given his experience in finance. Concerns were raised that the other two candidates may have conflicts of interest as they are currently employed by the Village of Niles.

A question was raised if a candidate on the Village of Niles' finance committee would be considered a conflict of interest. Attorney Shapiro added that it is very likely that would not be considered a conflict of interest.

The Board discussed interviewing the candidates. Some of the Board members already know the candidates, while others didn't. It was decided that the Board would bring in the candidate not familiar to everyone, that being George Van Geem.

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

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| 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 Treasurer Hynes to adjourn the meeting. Executive Director Elenz called the roll:

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

The Motion passed 4-0.