
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Virtual Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
6:00 pm

Board Members present: Julie Genualdi, President
Dennis O'Donovan, Vice President
Joe LoVerde, Treasurer
Jim Hynes, Commissioner
Scott O'Brien, Commissioner

Attorney present: Dan Shapiro, Attorney

Staff Members present: Tom Elenz, Executive Director
Scot Neukirch, Director of Finance
Heather Petrie, Executive Admin. Coordinator

1. Call to order

Treasurer LoVerde called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m., virtually via video conferencing software on May 19, 2020.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer LoVerde led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

4. Changes to the agenda

There were no changes made to the agenda.

5. Consent Agenda Approval

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 21, 2020
- B. Voucher List as Presented, April 30, 2020 - summary by fund:

General Fund	\$218,451.47
Recreation	\$73,976.45
Ice Rink	\$31,006.02
Swimming Pool	\$4,539.36
Golf Course	\$19,664.45
IMRF	-
Debt Service Fund	-

General Liability	\$9,966.00
Paving & Lighting	\$1036.35
Police Protection	\$108.00
Handicapped	\$46,916.77
Capital	\$93,554.28
Audit	-
Grand Total	\$499,219.15

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 21, 2020 and the Voucher lists as presented, April 30, 2020. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

Treasurer LoVerde	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner O'Brien	Yes

The motion passed 3-0

6. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer LoVerde reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Donovan and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The Motion passed 4-0

7. Reports of Park Officials

A. **President's Report**
There was no President's report.

B. **Attorney's Report**
There was no Attorney's report.

8. New Business

A. Pioneer Park Presentation by Hitchcock Design

The park district has engaged Hitchcock Design to put together the application package for an OSLAD grant for Pioneer Park. A representative from Hitchcock Design was present to show

the board the potential enhancements they would present to the State for the grant. Some of the proposed updates were improved pedestrian access to the park, improving the trails, improvements to the mini golf course, and replacement of the play equipment. They also plan to address the drainage in the fields and aging infrastructure.

B. Discussion/Approval of the use of LoVerde parking lot for Woodley Park Condominiums

The Woodley Park Condominiums across the street from the LoVerde Center are having their parking lots repaved and are asking to use the LoVerde parking lot for their residents over a two-day period. The board asked if the park district should be given a certificate of insurance by the condominium association or be named as an additional insurer.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Donovan and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to allow the use of the LoVerde Center parking lot to the Woodley Park Condominiums pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 5-0.

C. Discussion of Summer operations and programs

Considering the Covid 19 pandemic, staff asked for the board's input on what programs to try to run this summer. The board discussed the possibility of each department opening. The board decided not to open the pool. Regarding the summer concert series, the board discussed the possibility of having an end of summer concert, if State guidelines allow. The board also suggested pushing a couple of the concerts back into August in the even that larger groups are allowed to gather by that time. The same thing will be done for movies in the park as well. The board discussed many potential options for summer camps from smaller groups, bringing events/entertainment in instead of taking field trips, breaking up the kids into small groups, and staggering drop off times, in addition to adhering to social distancing and hand washing.

The IAPD guidelines have not come out yet but can be looked at when available. The park district has begun implementing some virtual programs such as dance, piano, and virtual preschool graduation. One on one golf lessons with social distancing was suggested as well as a virtual weight loss contest, and yoga classes outside with social distancing. The board was asked of the park district has the go ahead to open the outdoor tennis courts, to which they agreed. Also, the State will let us know when the batting cages can open.

D. Election of Officers (President, Vice President, and Treasurer)

Attorney Dan Shapiro called for nominations for the office of President of the Niles Park District Board of Commissioners. Vice President O'Donovan nominated Julie Genualdi and the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Hynes. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The nomination passed 4-0.

Attorney Shapiro called for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Niles Park District Board of Commissioners. President Genualdi nominated Dennis O'Donovan. The nomination was seconded by Treasurer LoVerde. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President Genualdi	Yes
Treasurer LoVerde	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner O'Brien	Yes

The nomination passed 4-0.

Attorney Shapiro called for nominations for the office of Treasurer of the Niles Park District Board of Commissioner. Commissioner O'Brien nominated Joe LoVerde and the nomination was seconded by President Genualdi. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The nomination passed 4-0.

E. Appointment of Board Officials (Secretary and Attorney)

The Board appointed Tom Elenz to the office of Secretary and Dan Shapiro to the office of Attorney. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 5-0.

9. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

10. Miscellaneous

Executive Director Elenz gave the board an update on the Howard renovations.

11. Public Comments

Niles resident Mary Ann Casey submitted comments via email with suggestions for opening the pool.

Niles resident Lynette Labno submitted comments via email expressing her support of the Tam Tennis pros utilizing the outdoor tennis courts.

Niles resident Russell Benko submitted comments via email regarding Tam Tennis pros giving private lessons at the outdoor tennis courts.

Niles resident Jason Trunco submitted comments via email regarding flooding issues at Jonquil Park, creating a true baseball field, and creating a dog park. He also suggested forming a citizen subcommittee to bring ideas to the Board.

Niles resident Brooke Eby submitted comments via email in support of the Tam Tennis pros using the outside tennis courts for instruction.

Niles resident Erin Carbonara submitted comments via email regarding the Tam Tennis pro/outdoor court discussion.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by President Genualdi and seconded by Vice President O'Donovan to adjourn the meeting. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED:

President Genualdi
Board of Commissioners

Board Secretary

Date: May 19, 2020