
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Special Board Meeting
Held at Howard Leisure Center
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
10:00 am

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Dennis O'Donovan, President (**arrived at 10:20am**)
Chris Zalinski, Vice President
Julie Genualdi, Treasurer
Ray Czarnik, Commissioner
Patrick Byrne, Commissioner

PARK ATTORNEY PRESENT: None.

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Tom Elenz, Finance Director
Jo Ann Raschillo, Executive Administrative Coordinator

GUEST PRESENT: Ken Hoffman, HSI

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Zalinski called the Special Board Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Recording Secretary Raschillo called the roll. All Commissioners were present except President O'Donovan who arrived at 10:20 a.m.

3. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-0-O-101- AN ORDINANCE APPROVING OPERATION OF VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS FOR SAMCENT, INC., d/b/a HOWARD STREET INN.

Executive Director Elenz stated that Ken Hoffman (Howard Street Inn) has been approved by the Village of Niles and was previously approved by the State (included in packet given to all the Commissioners) to put video gaming machines at the HSI. Mr. Hoffman has requested 3 machines to go in the HSI. He will be constructing a 4 foot high wall (back by the pro shop) to separate the machines from the restaurant. This area will be monitored by the HSI staff; no one under 21 is allowed to be in this area of the restaurant. Executive Director Elenz talked to Kenny about silencing the machines so the

restaurant will not hear the noise of the machines. His concern was that when you walk in the restaurant you didn't see these machines. If you are in the machine area the only thing from the restaurant view will be the person's head that is playing the machine because of the wall.

Commissioner Czarnik comment was that perhaps down the road we can look into moving the pro shop to give Ken more room.

Executive Director Elenz stated that we will be unable to move the pro shop by the starter shack because of the flooding.

Commissioner Czarnik suggested moving the pro shop into our building with a stair ramp which will be closer to the course. Commissioner Czarnik feels that there is wasted space in the pro shop and Peter's office.

This will be looked in in the future.

Vice President Zalinski asked if the Park District would receive any revenue from the machines. Executive Director Elenz said that the revenue will all go to Ken (revenue goes to the liquor license holder). Commissioner Czarnik stated that this gives Ken the opportunity to compete with other venues that have these machines. Executive Director Elenz also said that we just signed a 10 year lease with a 3% increase each year.

Vice President Zalinski also asked if there is any risk by having the machines and will the park district receive any grief from the public for having the machines on our property. Executive Director Elenz said that once the machines are in and the park district board decides they want to make adjustments on the machines (location) this can be done. Executive Director Elenz said that we have the authority if this doesn't work out that we pull the machines from the HSI.

The door near where the machines will have a sign NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED. There is also a monitor that also goes to the police station in the area where the machines are located. If the police see something wrong the machines can be turned off immediately.

Treasurer Genualdi asked if any other park district has machines are their property. Commissioner Byrne said that he knows a park district in McCook has the machines. He also stated there have been no complaints with the establishments in Niles that have machines.

Because the revenue is not known, this will be looked at a later date. Breakdown is as follows:

Terminal Operator	35%
HSI	35%

State 25%
Village 5%

A motion was made by Commissioner Czarnik, seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve ORDINANCE NO. 17-O-101 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING OPERATION OF VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS FOR SAMENT., INC. d/b/a HOWARD STREET INN with the Park District at a later date to look at revenue sharing. Recording Secretary called the roll:

President O'Donovan	Yes
Vice President Zalinski	Abstain
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes
Commissioner Czarnik	Yes
Commissioner Byrne	Abstain

The motion passed 3-0
Abstain 2

4. MISCELLANEOUS

The Board of Commissioners brought President O'Donovan up to speed regarding moving the pro shop.

A conversation was had regarding the land west of the playground to be used for parking.

A conversation was had regarding expanding the banquet hall.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Commissioner Czarnik, seconded by President O'Donovan to adjourn the Special Board Meeting. Recording Secretary Raschillo called the roll.

President O'Donovan	Yes
Vice President Zalinski	Yes
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes
Commissioner Czarnik	Yes
Commissioner Byrne	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

APPROVED:

President
Board of Commissioners
Date: February 21, 2017

Board Secretary