
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Executive Session
Howard Leisure Center
Monday, February 27, 2023
5:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Scott O'Brien, President
Julie Genualdi, Vice President
George Van Geem, Treasurer
Jim Hynes, Commissioner
Dennis O'Donovan, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Tom Elenz, Executive Director
Scot Neukirch, Finance Director
Heather Petrie, Executive Administrative Coordinator

Dan Shapiro, Attorney
Jelena Gasic, Guest

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President O'Brien at 5:11 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Convene into Executive Session

A motion was made by President O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to convene into Executive Session under section 2(C)(5) to discuss real estate and section 2 (C)(8) to discuss security procedures. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 5-0

Discussion

Jelena Gasic came to address the Board in response to the Board's decision to ban her from the Park District based on her involvement with the February 11th physical altercation at a basketball game at the LoVerde Center. She was shown the video of the incident on which the Board based its decision.

Ms. Gasic made her remarks to the Board about the incident and indicated that she felt the consequence of being banned for an entire year was too extreme. It was the consensus of the Board to change the terms of her ban to end on May 1, 2023, instead of a full year.

A motion was made by Vice President Genualdi and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to adjourn executive session and go back to the open meeting. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 5-0

A motion was made by President O'Brien and seconded by Treasurer Van Geem to amend the Park District ban implemented on February 21, 2023 for Jelena Gasic to expire on May 1, 2023. During this time period she will continue to be banned from all Niles Park District programs, events, properties and facilities with the sole exception of dropping off or picking up her minor child at which time she will remain in her vehicle. Should Ms. Gasic violate this ban at any time she will be indefinitely banned from the Niles Park District. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 5-0

A motion was made by Vice President Genualdi and seconded by Treasurer Van Geem to adjourn back into executive session. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 5-0

Commissioner O'Donovan recused himself from the next portion of the meeting.

This part of the meeting dealt with the lease and/or acquisition of real estate. The Board expressed concern with the Board's previous position to start with a 10 year exploration on the maintenance at Golf Mill Park. The Board previously read the IGA that was submitted in August and there were open

terms with no expiration. After the Village reviewed it, it was returned to the Park District with the addition of the words "in perpetuity". This basically clarified that the Park District left the terms open ended. Attorney Shapiro advised that putting a term on this IGA would potentially discourage the Village from going through with the IGA. From the Village's point of view, they might not be receptive to giving over land at Oak Park for 10 years' worth of maintenance at Golf Mill Park. It was the consensus of the Board to go back to the Village with a suggestion of a 50 year term for the IGA.

A motion was made by President O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to adjourn executive session. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 5-0

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

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

The motion passed 5-0

APPROVED:



President
Board of Commissioners
Date: February 27, 2023



Board Secretary

