
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
6:00 pm

Board Members present: Jim Hynes, President
Ronnie Strzelecki, Vice President
Julie Genualdi, Treasurer
Joe LoVerde, Commissioner

Staff Members present: Tom Elenz, Executive Director
Heather Petrie, Executive Admin. Coordinator
Scot Neukirch, Finance Director
Robin Brey, Recreation Programs
Jackson Theil, Tam Tennis Manager
Jim Majewski, Facilities Superintendent
Marty Stankowicz, IceLand Manager
Chris Czajka, Grounds Superintendent
Kenny Krueger, Athletic Director
Julie Jentel, Marketing
Peter Dubs, Golf Course Club House

Jamie Baer, Attorney

1. **Call to order**
President Hynes called the regular board meeting to order on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call**
Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll. Commissioner O'Brien was absent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
President Hynes led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.
4. **Changes to the Agenda**
There were no changes to the agenda.
5. **Consent Agenda Approval**
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, March 16, 2026; and Voucher List as presented March 31, 2026 – summary by fund:

General Fund	\$129,319.81
Recreation	\$300,951.67
Ice Rink	\$38,609.01
Swimming Pool	\$4,954.42
Golf Course	\$35,344.78
IMRF	-
Debt Service Fund	\$475.00
General Liability	\$6,359.00
Paving & Lighting	\$455.80
Police Protection	\$174.00

Handicapped	-
Capital	\$223,887.85
Audit	-
Grand Total	\$740,531.34

A motion was made by Treasurer Genualdi and seconded by Vice President Strzelecki to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, March 16, 2026; and the voucher list as presented, March 31, 2026 – summary by fund. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

Commissioner LoVerde	Yes
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes
Vice President Strzelecki	Yes
President Hynes	Yes

The motion passed 4 – 0.

6. Treasurer’s Reports

Treasurer Genualdi read the treasurer’s report for the month ending March 2026.

A motion was made by Vice President Strzelecki and seconded by President Hynes to accept the March 2026 treasurer’s report. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

Commissioner LoVerde	Yes
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes
Vice President Strzelecki	Yes
President Hynes	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. Board Reports

Robin Brey, Programs Supervisor

- Registration is in full swing for the upcoming camps and summer programs.
- Interviewing, hiring and training are ongoing for part-time summer positions.
- The annual piano recital will be on May 9th and May 16th at Culver School. 52 of our students will be participating.

Jackson Theil, Tam Tennis

- We had class signups for our Spring Session and they will be running from April 6- May 30. The new machines will be delivered at the end of the month.
- Budget Revenue increase is up \$4,351 compared to last year.
- Revenue Increase from 2025 - Private Lessons: \$9,654, Junior Tennis Program: - \$10,847, Adult Tennis Program: \$428, Court Fees: \$10,029, Tennis Memberships: -

\$3,604

- Junior Programs - Classes are underway for the Spring session. We are at 85% class enrollment.
- Adults Programs - Classes are underway for the Spring. We are at 84% class enrollment.
- Private Lessons - Private lessons continue to be popular. But it is erratic due to the weather being unseasonably warm.
- Memberships - Memberships are down
- Fitness Programs - The new treadmill and lat pulldown machines will be installed at the end of the month. They will remove the old machines as well.

Jim Majewski, Facilities Superintendent

- New batting cage net has been installed at Pioneer Park
- Some of the mini golf holes will be recarpeted at Pioneer Park
- Driving range net has been raised for the season
- Work has started on the pool to get it ready for summer
- Exterior lights around Oakton Manor have been changed

Marty Stankowicz, IceLand

- We are in our third week of the spring sessions and are planning for summer camps. Camp registration is open for both skating and hockey. Iceland will run 3 camps this summer.
- Spring skate/Bunny Hop was held on Saturday April 4th. Attendance was good and everyone received a goodie bag to use during the egg scramble. No one has claimed the golden egg prizes from the scramble.
- Ice show practice and set design continues. There are 3 shows scheduled for May 1, 2, & 3.
- The outdoor rink floor has been thawing, and we are currently cleaning it. Some wind screen damage from spring wind storms has been repaired. We have some screens that need to be replaced due to their age, and have been ordered.
- Summer rental contracts are being sent for both the indoor and outdoor rinks.

Chris Czajka, Superintendent of Grounds

- Laid out and lined our soccer fields
- Pioneer park was deep tine aerated and overseeded
- Cleaned up Pioneer mini golf for spring opening
- Mixed in surface at all of our ball fields
- Started to turn on drinking fountains in our parks
- Cleaning up in the construction area at Golf mill for opening day
- Mowing turf
- Cleaning up and reorganizing our back yard
- Playground inspections and repairs

Scot Neukirch, Finance Director

Staff has submitted and received the annual IPRF safety grant, the IPARKS aquatic grant, and the IPARKS safety grant totaling just under \$5600. The audit has progressed to the analytic stage where the auditors are reviewing all of the answers provided and are asking questions and are requesting additional information based on their review. Staff appreciates everyone's assistance in answering these questions. Our current software vendor is requiring us to transition to a new software system by the end of 2026. The final phase began this week with BS&A completing the final data

conversion. Training for the administrative and finance department will begin next week. Upon completion, all of the administrative and financial subsystems will have successfully transitioned to a cloud-based format.

Julie Jentel, Marketing

- The Summer Camp Guide is complete, and registration has begun.
- Work continues on the Summer Fun Guide. It will be out in early April.
- The 2025 Annual Newsletter is complete and will be in mailboxes in the next week.
- Program surveys will be sent for Dodgeball and Session 2 of indoor soccer and flag football.

Kenny Krueger, Athletic Director

- Outdoor spring programs are starting
- Girls flag football in the LoVerde Center started last Sunday
- Soccer is starting at four locations this weekend
- Volleyball starts this weekend at the LoVerde Center
- Tee ball and rookie ball starts next week
- Adults will start at Pioneer next week
- A couple of events have taken place with MNASR

Peter Dubs, Golf Course Club House

- We officially opened for the season on April 3rd but operations have been touch and go due to uncooperative weather. We're in the midst of one of the wettest starts to spring on record, which isn't helping daily play numbers.
- On a positive note, warm and dry days do see the tee sheet fill and guests have been complimentary of the course conditions.
- We hosted Under Armour's Junior Tour on Saturday April 11th and had 80 junior players compete in the event.
- The net has been raised, and Chris has been able to begin utilizing the outdoor space over at the learning center for our classes and private lessons.
- League and permanent tee time fees should all be processed by the end of the week and are expected to hit budgeted figures for revenue for the year. Play for these groups begins the week of May 11th.

Eric Aguayo, Golf Course Maintenance

- The seasonal crew is back and hit the ground running to help clean the course for our April opening date.
- With the constant rain events that we were hit by, it caused the river to overflow and flood the course causing us to shut down for a few days.
- The crew is hard at work cleaning up any damage and silt that gets left behind from the flood, to get it back to playing condition.
- Pre-emergent chemicals have been applied to our greens, tees, and fairways to help prevent any weeds growing throughout the season.
- The irrigation system is charged and ready to use when the weather calls for it.

9. New Business

A. Discussion/Approval of a contract with TAT Enterprises for the paving of Pioneer Park entrance drive

Staff went out to bid for the paving of the Pioneer Park entrance drive as the current drive is crumbling as is the entrance curb. TAT Enterprises came in with the lowest bid, they've done work for other park districts and their references were checked. Staff is recommending a contract with TAT Enterprises for paving at Pioneer Park in the amount of \$67,953.

A motion was made by Treasurer Genualdi and seconded by President Hynes to enter into a contract with TAT Enterprises for \$67,953 for the installation of the Pioneer Park front drive. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

Commissioner LoVerde	Yes
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes
Vice President Strzelecki	Yes
President Hynes	Yes

The motion passed 4 – 0.

B. Discussion/Approval of a contract with Innovation Landscape for the installation of the band stage at Oak Park

Staff received 3 bids for the band stage installation at Oak Park, the lowest from Innovation Landscape for \$243,708.40. After conducting a reference check, Staff recommends approval of this contract.

A motion was made by Vice President Strzelecki and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve the contract with Innovation Landscape for installation of the Oak Park band stage in the amount of \$243,708.40. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

Commissioner LoVerde	Yes
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes
Vice President Strzelecki	Yes
President Hynes	Yes

The motion passed 4 – 0.

C. Discussion on Point Park playground theme

The playground equipment at this park is geared toward toddlers and is due for an update. Staff has considered a first responder theme which would include both fire and police components. If approved, Staff would like to host a grand opening next year with fire and police first responders in attendance. Staff is still working on getting the pricing for the equipment and the pour and place rubber, which they will have by the next budget workshop.

10. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

11. Miscellaneous

Golf Mill Park is close to complete. There are a few punch list items remaining. Staff would like to organize a grand opening for the Board and the public.

12. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

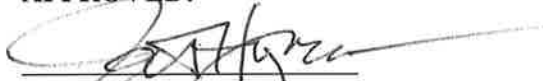
13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner LoVerde and seconded by President Hynes to adjourn the regular board meeting. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

Commissioner LoVerde	Yes
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes
Vice President Strzelecki	Yes
President Hynes	Yes

The motion passed 4 – 0.

APPROVED:


President Hynes
Board of Commissioners
Date: April 21, 2026


Board Secretary