NILES PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of Special Meeting Howard Leisure Center Thursday, May 2, 2024 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Julie Genualdi, President

Dennis O'Donovan, Vice President

Jim Hynes, Treasurer

Scott O'Brien, Commissioner Ronnie Strzelecki, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Tom Elenz, Executive Director

Dan Shapiro, Attorney

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Genualdi at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Executive Director Elenz called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

3. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. Convene into Executive Session

A motion was made by President Genualdi and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to convene into executive session under 2 (C)(8) to discuss security procedures. Executive Director Elenz called the roll.

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

The motion passed 4-0

The Board reviewed video of an altercation at the LoVerde Center during a basketball game on April 7, 2024. The last time the Board met they agreed to impose a penalty of a 6 month ban on Jamie Albrecht for her involvement in the altercation. She was given the opportunity to come before the Board in response to the Board's decision. She has come to the special meeting tonight to make her appeal.

The video was played for Ms. Albrecht to review. Ms. Albrecht stated that her mother went out on the court first and Ms. Albrecht went out to retrieve her. Then the player's father approached Ms. Albrech, then the player's mother. Ms. Albrecht stated that she was just trying to listen to what everyone was saying at this point. Ms. Albrecht stated there was no yelling, they were just discussing what happened. Ms. Albrecht stated that she does not know what compelled her mother to approach the player, and she believes the 6 month ban should apply to her. However, she stated that she was trying to remove her mother from the situation and was not involved. She also stated the that ban has affected her daughter as Ms. Albrecht was unable to attend her last basketball game.

The Board stated that they will make notify Ms. Albrecht of their decision.

A motion was made by President Genualdi and seconded by Vice President O'Donovan to adjourn executive session. Executive Director Elenz called the roll:

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

The motion passed 5-0

5. Convene into Open Session

A motion was made by Treasurer Hynes and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to reconvene into the regular board meeting. Executive Director Elenz called the roll:

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

The motion passed 5-0

Action to be taken from Executive Session

A. Board action regarding April 7, 2024 event at GolfView Center

A motion was made by Treasurer Hynes and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to amend the Park District ban for Jamie Albrecht implemented on April 16, 2024 to expire today, May 2, 2024.

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

The motion passed 5-0

A motion was made by President Genualdi and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to adjourn the regular board meeting. Executive Director Elenz called the roll:

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

The motion passed 5-0

APPROVED:

President

Board of Commissioners

Date: May 2, 2024

Board Secretary

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