
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
6:00 pm

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

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

1. Budget Public Meeting

President O'Donovan called the Budget Public meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A Motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Vice President O'Brien to convene the public budget meeting. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O'Donovan	Yes
Vice President O'Brien	Yes
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes

The motion passed 3-0

President's remarks:

The Park District had an open budget workshop covering the details of the fiscal year 2025 recommended budget on October 23rd at the Howard Leisure Center. Staff presented their budgets and the plan for the 2024 tax levy to the Board and received input from the Park Commissioners during this open meeting. The District's levy makes up less than 5% of most residents' tax bill. The proposed increase equates to less than \$1.00 per month to the average resident. The increase was needed to help pay for the minimum wage increase as mandated by the State of Illinois and the reduction in revenue allocation by the State for the District's share of the Personal Property Replacement Tax in 2025. Residents in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments. This public hearing is convened pursuant to the State statute and was given full public notice and published in the local newspaper and on the Park District's website as statutorily required. The proposed budget document and appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$23,633,751 has been posted online and is available for the public to view at the Howard Leisure Center front desk.

Niles residents were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments. No comments were offered by the public.

A Motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to adjourn the public budget meeting. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O'Donovan	Yes
Vice President O'Brien	Yes
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes

The motion passed 3-0

1. **Regular Board Meeting call to order**

President O'Donovan called the regular board meeting to order on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:03 pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll. Commissioner Hynes was not present for roll call but did attend the meeting. Commissioner Strzelecki was absent.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

President O'Donovan led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

4. **Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. **Harvest Hustle Donation to Family Services**

This year's Harvest Hustle had 180 registrants and 140 runners, which was the largest running group to date. Over 450 pounds of food was donated. The Park District donated a check for \$4073 to Niles Family Services. Kathy O'Grady was present from Niles Family Services to accept the donation. Executive Director Elenz thanked Laura Newton and all the Park District Staff who made this event such a success.

6. **Consent Agenda Approval**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 2024; and Voucher List as Presented, October 31, 2024 – summary by fund:

General Fund	\$104,663.06
Recreation	\$112,109.47
Ice Rink	\$29,063.33
Swimming Pool	\$18,536.66
Golf Course	\$47,772.45
IMRF	-
Debt Service Fund	\$950.00
General Liability	\$6,290.00
Paving & Lighting	\$420.97
Police Protection	\$108.00
Handicapped	\$3,046.36
Capital	\$179,683.93
Audit	-

Grand Total	\$583,644.23
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A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 2024; and Voucher List as Presented, October 31, 2024. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0

7. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Genualdi read the treasurer report for the month ending October 31, 2024.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to accept the treasurer's report. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0

8. **Reports of Park Officials**

A. President's Report

President O'Donovan congratulated Laura Newton on facilitating a successful Harvest Hustle.

B. Attorney's Report

There was no Attorney's report.

9. **Board Reports**

Kenny Krueger, Athletics Department

- Indoor Soccer and Flag Football began the weekend of 11/2 – 11/3 at Loverde Center and so far, all has been good.
- Our fall youth basketball league finishes this upcoming weekend. Next up is our High School basketball league which starts on Sunday. Our winter basketball registration is open now through January 6th.
- Our instructional basketball classes will begin early next month. Vince Thomas will have camps on 3 nights (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday) and we included a new class for him which is called his 'Select Class'. He has tracked students over the past few sessions and is extending a personal invite for the class. Our very popular Small Shots basketball class on Saturday mornings starts Saturday 12/7 and all 3 sessions have been sold out since early October.
- Dodgeball registration deadline is next Friday but we've already been sold out for over 2 weeks.

- We've offered Niles Strikers FC winter clinics at GH, and we've had a pretty good interest so far with 186 kids already registered. We're also running a Thanksgiving Break Futsal camp Mon-Tues-Wed that has over 30 kids registered and also a 3v3 Tourney that has 21 teams registered for Saturday 11/30.

Robin Brey, Programs Supervisor

- Santa Breakfast will be December 14th. Always a great family event in which all 3 seatings filling. Times are 8:30, 10am & 11:30am.
- Winter break camps for the littles and older kids will be held over the Holidays at both Howard Leisure Center and Oasis.
- Registration for most winter programs and events will begin December 4th. Registration for Indoor Soccer and Flag Football session II, the residents will once again have priority for two days before non-resident registration opens. We anticipate both leagues to fill quite fast.

Laura Newton, Tam Tennis Manager

- Revenue increase to date, compared to 2023 is up \$79,480.00 with the total Profit to date of \$1,043,059.00 (up \$79,692)
- We have exceeded our budget of \$1,120,795.00. We are currently at 1,229,694.00.
- Revenue Increase or decrease from 2023.
- Junior Tennis Programs: + \$5,898.00
- Adult Tennis Programs: +\$25,274.00
- Private Lessons: +\$39,575.00
- Senior Tennis: -\$1,610.00
- Fitness: + \$14,623.00
- Non-Resident Memberships +\$7,494.00(memberships are still coming in)
- Court Fees -\$10,405.00 (unseasonably warm September and October)
- **Junior Programs**
 - Classes are in progress and the winter program will start in January.
 - We have met and exceeded our junior budget.
 - **Adults Programs**
 - Classes are in progress and the winter program will start in January.
 - We have met and exceeded our adult budget.
 - **Private Lessons**
 - As of Nov.,5 we are \$3,956.00 away from reaching our \$200,000.00 budget.
 - **Memberships**
 - We (combo of resident and non-resident) have met and exceeded our budget for this year of \$132,815.00 and we are at \$185,890.00.
- Donation check for Niles Food Pantry \$4,073.00 plus they received all the food donations on race day. 457lbs. were donated

Jim Majewski, Park Services

- 200 feet of sidewalk on the northside of Tam Tennis has been mud jacked up to prevent seepage and 75 feet of sidewalk on the southside of Golfview has been mud jacked to prevent trip hazards along the curb
- Pool has been winterized
- Pioneer Park is closed and has been winterized
- Holiday lights are going up on buildings
- New bollard lights have been delivered and are being installed

- Getting prices on some LED lights to replace old fluorescent fixtures
- Our new mechanic Juan Martinez has been hired and has started

Marty Stankowicz, IceLand

- Our Halloween scary skate was a huge success. We had 82 in attendance and saw some real great homemade costumes. Goodie bags were given to the first 75 skaters.
- We have partnered with Ultimate Tournaments again to rent ice slots for a Thanksgiving hockey tournament... Niles teams can register with Ultimate and get a discount. They will be scheduled to play at Iceland. Games will be played on Saturday and Sunday. Iceland will be closed Thursday and Friday except for a couple private rentals.
- Registration for the winter session started November 11. Rehearsals for our Holiday ice show started Monday. There will be two shows on December 14 and 15. The annual Santa Skate will be part of the holiday events on Sunday. Tickets are currently on sale for both shows.
- Iceland is collecting food and toys to benefit Niles Family Service. We will donate before Thanksgiving and a second before Christmas. We are requesting donations as part of the admission to the holiday shows.
- Maintenance on the outdoor rink is ongoing and plans to open depend on weather and staffing. All weekend ice in January and February has been sold. Only weekday slots are available to rent.

Chris Czajka, Superintendent of Grounds

- Hired Juan Martinez / new mechanic position
- Cutting back dead Fall perennials in park and sign beds
- Finished the drainage project at Oasis for low area that was holding water
- Irrigation systems are winterized
- Slit seeding athletic fields
- Playground inspections and repairs as needed.
- Kirk lane / Tree trimming and dead tree removal
- Daily mowing and mulching leaves

Scot Neukirch, Finance

Staff finalized the proposed 2025 budget document based on input received from the Board during the open budget workshop back in October. Staff has also prepared the 2024 tax levy, necessary debt service abatement ordinances and the 2025 appropriation ordinance that will be presented to the Board later in this meeting. The Finance Department will begin working on fiscal year end procedures and will begin submitting documents to auditors for work on the Park's 2024 audit.

Julie Jentel, Marketing

- With the holidays around the corner, I am advertising the special events we have coming up. The Santa Mailbox will be put in the front lobby this week.
- The Winter Spring Guide is almost done, and will come out online Tuesday December 3, and printed copies about a week after.
- Niles Holly Jolly is November 30, and once again we will be sponsoring the photo snow globe at the event.

Peter Dubs, Tam Golf Course

- 2024 continues to be one of the best years we've ever had at the course, thanks to consistent mild weather. We're approaching 42,000 total rounds for the season and will generate over 1.25 M in operational revenues.
- We've hosted the last of our outings for the season and daily play will continue as long as temperatures allow.
- As we near the conclusion of the busiest season in my time here, I want to be sure to acknowledge the hard work of all our part time staff. I've always felt our customer service and the golfer experience (which includes the well-manicured playing conditions) are what set us apart from other local options. They take pride in the operations here and frequently go above and beyond to accommodate special requests when possible or help a golfer track down a lost item. They work outside in the cold, rain, heat, humidity, early in the morning and in mid-summer, into the late evening. We're fortunate to have a very loyal customer base, and this is largely thanks to our front-line staff and the work they do to make sure visitors feel welcome & valued here.

Eric Aguayo, Golf Course Maintenance

- We Cut down all native areas/berms.
- Finishing up our pre-emergent weed control spray on all areas of the course.
- We did our final cuts on tees and fairways for the season, greens will be cut up until our snow mold spray.
- Mowers are being torn down for sharpening and adjustments, getting them ready for next season.

10. New Business

- A. Discussion/Approval of Ordinance 24-O-100 an Ordinance providing for the annual budget and appropriation for taxes and revenue from other sources for the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois, for general corporate purposes, for recreation fund, for ice rink fund, for swimming pool fund, for golf course fund, for capital project fund, for debt service fund, for IMRF fund, for FICA fund, for general liability fund, for audit fund, for paving and lighting fund, for police protection fund, for handicapped fund, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.**

This is the ordinance for approving the budgeted expenses for the various Park District funds. The total appropriation for approval is \$23,633,751. The detail behind this appropriation request was discussed with the Board of Commissioners during an open workshop on October 23rd. The budget document and appropriation ordinance have been available for review at the Park District's website and at the front desk of the Howard Leisure Center. Formal comment on the appropriation request was provided at the start of this meeting during the statutorily required budget hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve Ordinance 24-O-100 an Ordinance providing for the annual budget and appropriation for taxes and revenue from other sources for the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois, for general corporate purposes, for recreation fund, for ice rink fund, for swimming pool fund, for golf course fund, for capital project fund, for debt service fund, for IMRF fund, for FICA fund, for general liability fund, for audit fund, for paving and lighting fund, for police protection fund, for handicapped fund, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

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

The motion passed 4-0

B. Discussion/Approval of Ordinance 24-O-101 an Ordinance providing for the annual levy of taxes for general corporate purposes and providing recreational programs as per article 5 of the general Park District Code and for the payment of the share of Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; Social Security; for the payment of liability insurance premiums; annual audit; police fund; paving and lighting fund; special handicapped fund; for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 in the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

This ordinance provides the corporate property tax revenue for the general operations of the park district and helps support various district funds. The total requested of \$3,943,667 represents a 4.9% increase from the 2023 levy for the corporate portion of the park's levy.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by President O'Donovan to approve Ordinance 24-O-101 an Ordinance providing for the annual levy of taxes for general corporate purposes and providing recreational programs as per article 5 of the general Park District Code and for the payment of the share of Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; Social Security; for the payment of liability insurance premiums; annual audit; police fund; paving and lighting fund; special handicapped fund; for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 in the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O'Donovan	Yes
Vice President O'Brien	No
Treasurer Genualdi	No
Commissioner Hynes	Yes

At this point, Executive Director Tom Elenz and Finance Director Scot Neukirch both highly recommended from an operational standpoint to pass the 4.9% property tax levy.

The Board proceeded to discuss the option of a smaller tax increase. After some discussion, the following amended motion was made:

A Motion was made by Vice President O'Brien and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to amend Ordinance 24-O-101 from a 4.9% levy increase to a 3.5% levy increase. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

C. Discussion/Approval of Resolution 24-R-100 a resolution directing the County Clerk to reduce the general liability levy in the event of the application tax cap.

This resolution directs the County to reduce the park district's levy for general insurance in the event the overall park district levy exceeds the PTEL limit on the district's rate for the year. Increases in property tax extensions are limited to the lesser of 5% or the increase in the national consumer price index (CPI) for the year preceding the levy.

A Motion was made by Vice President O'Brien and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve Resolution 24-R-100 a resolution directing the County Clerk to reduce the general liability levy in the event of the application tax cap. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

D. Discussion/Approval of Ordinance 24-O-106 an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$8,610,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source) series 2013 of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

The next 6 abatement ordinances that are up for approval are notifying the County not to levy taxes for the respective debt issues because the district will pay the debt service utilizing its operational revenues or proceeds from the annual rollover bonds. This first abatement ordinance is abating the taxes for the 2013 debt that was issued for the construction of the park district's Golf View facility.

A Motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Vice President O'Brien to approve Ordinance 24-O-106 an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$8,610,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source) series 2013 of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

E. Discussion/Approval of Ordinance 24-O-107 an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$4,540,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source) series 2015A of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

This second abatement ordinance is abating the taxes for the 2015A debt that was issued for the construction of the LoVerde Center.

A Motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve Ordinance 24-O-107 an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$4,540,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source)

series 2015A of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

F. Discussion /Approval of Ordinance 24-O-102 an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$8,460,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source) series 2016A of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

This abatement ordinance is abating the taxes on 2016A debt that was issued for the construction of the LoVerde Center and the Oasis remodel.

A Motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve Ordinance 24-O-102 an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$8,460,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source) series 2016A of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

G. Discussion/Approval of Ordinance 24-O-103 an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal of and interest on \$1,790,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source) series 2019A of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

This abatement ordinance is abating the taxes for 2019 debt that was issued for the construction of the administration portion of the Howard Street rehabilitation project and other miscellaneous park projects.

A Motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve Ordinance 24-O-103 an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal of and interest on \$1,790,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source) series 2019A of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

H. Discussion/Approval of Ordinance 24-O-104 an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal of and interest on \$2,415,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source) series 2021A of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

This abatement ordinance is abating the taxes for 2021A debt that was issued for refunding of the 2014 issue for the IceLand renovations.

A Motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve Ordinance 24-O-104 an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal of and interest on \$2,415,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source) series 2021A of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

I. Discussion/Approval of Ordinance 24-O-105 abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal of and interest on \$805,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source), series 2021B, of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

This abatement ordinance is abating the taxes for 2021B debt that was issued for the restructuring of 2021 payments for the 2013 and 2015 debt issues.

A Motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to approve Ordinance 24-O-105 abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay principal of and interest on \$805,000 general obligation park bonds (alternative revenue source), series 2021B, of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

J. Discussion/Approval of Ordinance 24-O-108 providing for the issue of approximately \$1,265,000 General Obligation Limited Bonds, Series 2024 of the District for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchase thereof.

This ordinance is for the Park District's annual rollover bonds. Our representatives from Mesirov were at the October meeting for the required hearing notifying the public that the Park District intended to issue rollover bonds. As directed, staff and Mesirov conducted an open process to solicit bids for its rollover bonds. A summary with the ordinance containing the final numbers was provided to the Board. The proceeds from these annual bonds are used to pay the principal and interest on outstanding Park District bond issues. The financial term sheet was

sent to over 20 potential investors of which there were 8 interested parties who submitted proposals. People's National Bank of Kewancee provided the most favorable overall bid with an interest rate of 3.59%.

A motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to approve Ordinance 24-O-108 providing for the issue of approximately \$1,265,000 General Obligation Limited Bonds, Series 2024 of the District for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchase thereof.

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

The motion passed 4-0.

K. Discussion/Approval of a change order for Golf Mill Park soccer field to increase the soil profile to 8 inches for improved field drainage.

When work began on the soccer field, it was discovered that the level of topsoil was inconsistent. To have the field drain properly and improve field conditions, the recommendation was to increase the profile to 8 inches and add sand to the topsoil. This will improve turf conditions and help the field return to playable conditions after a rainfall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve a change order for Golf Mill Park soccer field to increase the soil profile to 8 inches for improved field drainage not to exceed \$71,394 with Great Lakes Landscape Company.

Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

L. Discussion/Approval of a change order for Golf Mill Park to bring electrical conduit to existing soccer field light poles.

Because of damage done to the existing conduit due to field construction and sewer line modifications, Staff is recommending replacing the electrical conduit that feeds the existing field lights.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve a change order for Golf Mill Park for electrical conduit for existing soccer field light poles in the amount of \$36,409. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

M. Discussion/ Approval of a change order for Golf Mill Park to install new court lighting for tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts.

The original plan for Golf Mill was to use the Park District’s lighting contractor to install the lights for the tennis courts, pickleball courts, and basketball courts. This was not part of the original bid. The vendor who installed the lights at Pioneer cannot get back out until next spring. The current electrical contractor on site can address it right now. Staff recommends using the electrical sub-contractor on site to do the light install and install the foundations for the light poles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve a change order for Golf Mill Park to install new court lighting for tennis, pickleball and basketball courts not to exceed \$37,979 with Great Lakes Landscaping. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O’Donovan	Yes
Vice President O’Brien	Yes
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes

The motion passed 4-0.

N. Discussion/Approval of a no bid contract with Halloran and Yauch for irrigation at Gold Mill Park

The original plan was to repair the original irrigation system. Due to extensive field renovation, the current system was damaged beyond repair. The sub-contractor hired by Great Lakes Landscaping was Halloran and Yauch to do the irrigation work. They are the current irrigation contractors for the Park District. The price Great Lakes Landscaping received to replace the irrigation system was \$108,000. If the Park District hires them directly, we save \$6000. We would also receive a credit of \$22,000 which would make the total replacement cost \$80,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve a no bid contract with Halloran and Yauch for irrigation replacement at Golf Mill Park for \$80,000. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O’Donovan	Yes
Vice President O’Brien	Yes
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes

The motion passed 4-0.

O. Approval of 2025 Meeting Dates

The Board was asked to approve the 2025 Board meeting dates as the third Tuesday of every month, except December.

A motion was made by Vice President O’Brien and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve the 2025 Board meeting dates. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O’Donovan	Yes
Vice President O’Brien	Yes
Treasurer Genualdi	Yes

Commissioner Hynes Yes

The motion passed 4-0.

P. Discussion/Approval of MNASR Articles of Agreement

MNASR recently updated their Articles of Agreement. The Board has received a copy of these changes. Since MNASR is an extension of the Niles Park District, the Articles need to be approved by our Board.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Brien and seconded by Treasurer Genualdi to approve the MNASR Articles of Agreement. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

Q. Discussion/Approval of a contract with Sikich for auditing services

Staff is requesting approval to enter into a contract with Sikich for auditing services for the 2024 audit year to be performed in 2025. Sikich has been the auditor for the Park District for the last 6 years. The contract we are seeking approval for is a 4.5% increase from last year. Staff has had no issues with Sikich over their years working with them. The anticipated cost of the audit is \$26,350. Sometimes additional fees are incurred so Staff is asking for the fully budgeted amount of \$30,000.

A motion was made by Treasurer Genualdi and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to approve a contract with Sikich for the 2024 audit year to be performed in 2025 not to exceed \$30,000. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

11. Old Business

A. Update on Pioneer Park project

The Park District has received additional grant money from Com Ed for the field light installation. The original grant amount was \$64,059. Staff worked with a Com Ed rep to increase the amount to \$89,682. The total cost of the project for the lights is \$163,410 with this new amount the field lights will cost \$73,728.

B. Update on Golf Mill Park project

Concrete has been poured and the sewer has been installed. Side footings are being installed. Soccer field work continues. If the weather cooperates the playground is scheduled to be installed next week. Staff is getting a quote for artificial turf under the playground in lieu of the rubber surfacing.

12. Miscellaneous

The Park District holiday party will be held on December 20th at noon.

13. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

14. Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Vice President O'Brien to convene into executive session under section 2 (C)(5) to discuss real estate and 2 (C)(21) to discuss release of minutes of executive session meetings and discuss possible approval of the destruction of executive session audio recordings. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

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

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

The motion passed 4-0.

15. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to convene into the regular Board meeting. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

A. Approval of the release of Executive Session minutes

A motion was made by Treasurer Genualdi and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to release the Executive Session minutes from July 16, 2024. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

B. Approval of the destruction of Executive Session recordings

A motion was made by Treasurer Genualdi and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to destroy

the audio of Executive Session recordings from the February 21, 2023 executive session meeting and the February 27, 2023 executive session meeting. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

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

The motion passed 4-0.

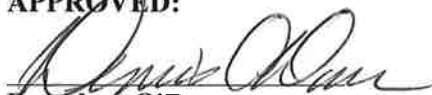
16 Adjournment

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

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

The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVED:



President O'Donovan
Board of Commissioners
Date: November 19, 2024


Board Secretary

