
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024
6:00 pm

Board Members present: Dennis O'Donovan, President
Jim Hynes, Commissioner
Ronnie Strzelecki, Commissioner

Staff Members present: Tom Elenz, Executive Director
Scot Neukirch, Finance Director
Heather Petrie, Executive Admin. Coordinator
Robin Brey, Recreation Program Manager
Marty Stankowicz, IceLand Manager
Jim Majewski, Facilities Superintendent
Julie Jentel, Marketing
Kenny Krueger, Athletics
Peter Dubs, Tam Golf Course
Eric Aguayo, Golf Course Assistant Superintendent
Jamie Baer, Attorney
Carl Steffen, Park Patrol

1. **Call to order**
President O'Donovan called the regular board meeting to order on Tuesday, October 15, at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call**
Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll. Vice President O'Brien and Treasurer Genualdi were absent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
President O'Donovan led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.
4. **Changes to the Agenda**
Item 9. A. Presentation by School District 64

Ben Collins from District 64 came to address the Board regarding a referendum to be voted on in the next election. In November, a bond referendum will be on the ballot that would enhance and maintain their current facilities.
5. **Consent Agenda Approval**
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 17, 2024; and Voucher List as presented September 30, 2024 – summary by fund:

General Fund	\$140,663.06
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	\$538,644.23

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Commissioner Strzelecki to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 17, 2024, and the Voucher lists as presented, September 30, 2024. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O'Donovan	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner Strzelecki	Yes

The motion passed 3-0.

6. Treasurer's Reports

Commissioner Hynes read the treasurer report for the month ending September 30, 2024.

A motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Commissioner Strzelecki to accept the September 30, 2024 treasurer's report. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O'Donovan	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner Strzelecki	Yes

The motion passed 3-0.

7. Reports of Parks Officials

- A. The President had nothing to report.
- B. There was no Attorney's report.

8. Board Reports

Robin Brey, Programs Supervisor

- Trunk or Treat, 10/19 10am-11:30 @ Oasis (Julie will provide update on the trunk/vendors)
- Monster Bash family Event ~ 10/25 6-8pm
- Halloween Parade & Party ~ 10/26 Parade kicks off at 9am from Oak Park 9:30-11:30am Party
- Firefighter visits to classrooms, visits to the fire station, Wagner Farm and Trick or Treating
- Bright Beginnings Preschool licenses for HLC & OM will expire February 2025. Renewal application and the required documents will be submitted to DCFS early November. On-site meetings with our DCFS rep will be in February for licensing approval.

Laura Newton, Tam Tennis Manager

- Revenue increase to date, compared to 2023 is up \$107,407.00, with the total Profit to date of \$968,318 (up \$98,143).

- We have exceeded our budget of \$1,120,795. We are currently at \$1,143,188. (+\$22,393).
- Revenue Increase or decrease from 2023.
- Junior Tennis Programs: \$12,999.00
- Adult Tennis Programs: \$26,050.00
- Senior Tennis: -\$1,360.00
- Private Lessons: \$46,763.00
- Fitness: \$11,989.00
- Non-Resident Memberships \$12,000.00 (memberships are still coming in)
- Court Fees \$71.00 pretty even at this point.
- 80% of class spots available are filled. 224 registered of 281 available spots.
- 88.8% of spots are filled. 80 registered of the 90 spots available.
- Tennis memberships are still coming in.

Jim Majewski, Park Services

- Now that construction is over at Culver school the new Thorgaurd is installed back on the roof
- Benches have been installed at Oak Park pickle ball courts
- The Pioneer field lights have been changed to LED
- Interviews for a new mechanic are going on
- Staff prepping for this month's special events

Marty Stankowicz, IceLand

- We are in week 5 of our 13-week winter session which ends just before Christmas.
- We have partnered with Ultimate Tournament for this year's annual Thanksgiving hockey tournament. Registration is open for all levels. Games will be scheduled every day of the holiday week except Thursday.
- Scary Skate is scheduled for Saturday October 26. Halloween goodie bags will be given to the first 75 skaters in costume. Games will be played on the ice and prizes will be awarded to the best costumes.
- The first installment of our hat trick hockey payment is scheduled to be processed on October 15. The last payment is scheduled for December 1st.
- Lacrosse rentals on the outdoor rink have been extended into November. Maintenance will be performed immediately after getting it ready for winter. Ice rentals and schedules are being confirmed for the outdoor rink.
- I am hosting groups of volunteers from Maine D217 and Orchard Village. The special needs students and adults come to Iceland on Mondays and Fridays to learn job skills. They have been cleaning locker rooms, cleaning glass and mirrors and cleaning rink glass also.

Eric Aguayo, Golf Course Maintenance

- We Finished the bunker edging project
 - We sodded diseased areas around greens 1,3,5,7 more areas will still be needing sod.
 - The path on #7 got extended and squared
 - We will be beginning to apply pre-emergent weed control for next season
 - Tees will begin to get aerified and top dressed.
- General maintenance.

Peter Dubs, Tam Golf Course

- Weather has continued to be favorable for us and local golfers allowing us to increase our gap over last season's totals to date. We are running 2100 rounds ahead of 2024 totals through 10/8.
- With the early start to the season, cooperative weather, and demand remaining high, we were fortunate enough to hit our annual budgeted revenue total by the end of September.
- We have a few more outings to host later this month, including another visit from Under Armour's Junior Golf Tour, which played here for the first time this spring, and ended up booking an additional date for the fall following the success of their initial tournament. They'll be welcoming approximately 60 players ages 6-18 to compete at the event on Saturday Oct. 19.
- Daily operations will continue into the fall as long as the weather permits.

Kenny Krueger, Athletic Director

- All of our outdoor fall leagues have been treated to great weather this season. Our fall baseball/softball wraps up the weekend of 10/11-10/13 with only one ½ day of games being rained out. Adult softball championship games are being played this week at Pioneer with 0 rainouts all season, and fall soccer wraps up the weekend of 10/26-10/27. While the outdoor leagues are coming to an end, Fall Basketball officially started the weekend of Oct 4-6.
- We had indoor league registration days on October 1 and October 3 for soccer and football. Residents had first chance to register, and we ended up with 127 kids for soccer and just 27 kids for flag football on October 1 and 2. Non-resident registration opened up at 9am on Thursday 10/3 and the first league sold out in 6 minutes, followed by all others within 15 minutes. Robin and I will discuss session 2 registration dates and tweak the process a little as it crashed our online system and led to some unpleasant exchanges with costumers. We had a waitlist and pulled kids/coaches off to fill spots and the leagues are slated to begin the weekend of November 2nd/3rd.

Julie Jentel, Marketing

- Promoting our Fall special events, and 2 events that Ellie our horticulturist is running in October.
- Planning for the Winter and Spring has begun. The guide and website will have programs live the beginning of December.
- We have 19 vendors for the trunk or treat on Saturday. There are a few new vendors which is always a good thing.

Scot Neukirch, Finance Director

The Park District's budget workshop will be next Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

9. New Business

B. Discussion/Approval of the addition of non-registered/non-licensed vehicles to the Park District code of ordinances

On August 9th the Governor signed public act 103-2899 which amends the vehicle code for low speed scooters and gives park districts the authorization to regulate the operation of low speed electric scooters on their properties. A new ordinance has been drafted for your consideration that will ban any electric gas driven scooters, bicycles, mopeds, or skateboards on all Park District Properties. It exempts all motorized vehicles that are required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Commissioner Strzelecki to

adopt the new language to the Park District's code of ordinances banning low speed scooters on Park District property. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O'Donovan	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner Strzelecki	Yes

The motion passed 3-0.

10. **Old Business**

A. Update on Pioneer Park

Bill's Landscaping has been hired to finish installing the new sod. The field lights have been installed and are working well. The monument sign still needs to be completed.

B. Update on Golf Mill Park

Demolition is completed at Golf Mill Park. Work on the field has started. The shelters and playgrounds have been delivered. Staff is getting pricing on lighting for the tennis courts, pickle ball courts, basketball courts and soccer field.

Staff met with the Village of Niles regarding new bathrooms. They are considering partnering with the Park District to put bathrooms on their property.

12. **Miscellaneous**

Trunk or Treat is this Saturday. Executive Director Elenz would like to thank Laura Newton and all the Staff who helped make the Harvest Hustle such a success.

13. **Public Comments**

Randy Cash, Niles resident and business owner wanted to thank the Board and Staff for implementing an early sign up period for youth sports for Niles residents. He also thanked the Board for the new playground at Courtland Park. He would also like to suggest soccer nets there as well. He commented that putting bathrooms at Golf Mill Park is a good idea. He would like to suggest another opening along the fence line at Washington Park for families to access the park.

14. **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Commissioner Strzelecki to adjourn into executive session under section 2 (C)(5) to discuss real estate. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O'Donovan	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner Strzelecki	Yes

The motion passed 3-0.

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

President O'Donovan	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner Strzelecki	Yes

The motion passed 3-0

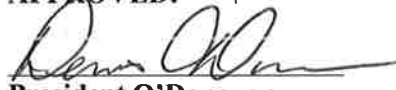
15. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Commissioner Hynes to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

President O'Donovan	Yes
Commissioner Hynes	Yes
Commissioner Strzelecki	Yes

The motion passed 3-0

APPROVED:



President O'Donovan
Board of Commissioners
Date: October 15, 2024


Board Secretary