
NILES PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of Special Meeting
Howard Leisure Center
Thursday, August 26, 2021
5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS Dennis O'Donovan, President
Scott O'Brien, Vice President
George Van Geem, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Scot Neukirch Finance Director; Heather Petrie, Executive
Administrative Coordinator; Lindsay Kmetty, Pioneer Park; Kenny
Krueger, Athletics; Chris Zalinski, Grounds

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President O'Donovan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President O'Donovan led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Treasurer Hynes and Commissioner Genualdi were not present.

4. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No changes were made to the agenda.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Presentation by Hitchcock Design Group.

Eric Hornig from Hitchcock Design Group came to provide an overview of the project that is up for discussion. The Park District is looking to approve a resolution of intent to move forward with a project at Pioneer Park where if the OSLAD grant funds are received, the Park District would move forward with said project.

Some of the improvements would include new walkways around the perimeter, new concrete and new bleachers around spectator areas, new dugouts, fencing, and backstops.

They also propose working on some of the drainage challenges on the field. They also propose a fitness pod with exercise equipment and are looking at renovating a core piece of the playground with a 'pioneer' theme. The mini golf course and batting cages would be left as they are for now. The DNR does not fund 'pay to play' recreation.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Discussion/Approval of OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Van Geem to approve the OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization for Pioneer Park.

Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O'Donovan	Yes
Vice President O'Brien	Yes
Commissioner Van Geem	Yes

The motion passed 3-0.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no miscellaneous comments.

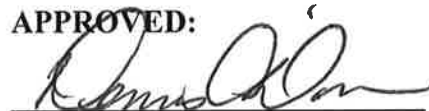
8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by President O'Donovan and seconded by Vice President O'Brien to adjourn the Special Board Meeting. Recording Secretary Petrie called the roll:

President O'Donovan	Yes
Vice President O'Brien	Yes
Commissioner Van Geem	Yes

The motion passed 3-0.

APPROVED:



President
Board of Commissioners
Date: August 26, 2021



Board Secretary