

**THE MAINE-NILES ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL 60053
February 24, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Board President Tom Elenz called the February 24, 2026 meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Board Members in attendance:

Don Miletic, Des Plaines Park District
Kevin Hubka, Golf Maine Park District
Jeff Wait, Morton Grove Park District
Tom Elenz, Niles Park District
John Shea, Park Ridge Park District
Karen Hawk, Village of Lincolnwood

Board Members absent:

Michelle Tuft, Skokie Park District

Staff in attendance: Trisha Breitlow, Executive Director; Lisa Barrera, Superintendent of Recreation; Kelly Brunning, Sr. Operations Manager; Jill Velan, Human Resources Temp Consultant; Audra Ebling, Communication & Marketing Manager; Regina Mundt, Fundraising & Events Manager; Liz Rogus, Program Manager

Changes to Agenda: None

Introduction of Visitors: Liz Rogus, Program Manager and Jill Velan, HR Manager Temp introduced themselves to the Board.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the December 16, 2025 Board Meeting
- Closed Session Minutes of the December 16, 2025 Board Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for the months ending December 31, 2025
- Voucher list of bills in the amount of \$39,981.61

John Shea made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Don Miletic. The motion passed in a roll call vote as follows:

Des Plaines: Yes
Golf Maine: Yes
Morton Grove: Yes
Niles: Yes
Park Ridge: Yes
Lincolnwood: Yes

Staff reports for recreation, marketing and fundraising were reviewed. Discussion ensued regarding the need for inclusion aides for 45 minute swim lessons in Des Plaines. Breitlow will reach out to the Executive Director at NWSRA to see if they have any leads on staff in that area looking for hours.

Breitlow reviewed the budget report, noting the 2025 fund balance ended slightly higher than budgeted and anticipated and the fund balance in 2026 is in mid range of the policy. Breitlow reviewed the upcoming Recognition Night program. Breitlow recognized staff Lisa Barerra for receiving the Therapeutic Recreation Section Professional of the Year Award, and M-NASR for receiving the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award. Breitlow gave an update on interviewing progress for open staff positions. Breitlow reviewed several updates for the inclusion process, as a direct result of the Inclusion Committee that was formed. All updates will be presented at a meeting at 1:30pm on March 19 for all agency inclusion points of contact, the board and any other recreation or registration staff the agency would like to send.

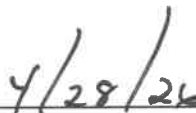
A motion was made by Karen Hawk and seconded by Jeff Wait to approve the Maine Township Funding agreement for \$5,400 to be used for program scholarships. This passed in a roll call vote as follows:

Des Plaines: Yes
Golf Maine: Yes
Morton Grove: Yes
Niles: Yes
Park Ridge: Yes
Lincolnwood: Yes

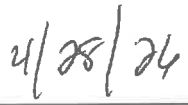
Don Miletic made a motion to adjourn the February 24, 2026 Board Meeting at 10:29 AM, seconded by John Shea. The motion passed in a voice vote.



Tom Elenz, Board President
Niles Park District


Date

Trisha Breitlow, Board Secretary
Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation


Date