

**Vernon Hills Park District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
September 22, 2011 – 6:30p.m.**

1. **Call to Order.** The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Doerhoefer at 6:32p.m. at the Laschen Community Center, 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills.
2. **Roll Call.** Present: Commissioners Ballowe, Kessler, Robbins and Doerhoefer. Absent: Commissioner Meline. Staff –Jeff Fougrousse, Mike Moorman, Tom Ritter, Cheryl Baron and Cathy Marcangelo. Absent: Marla Pineiro. Others present: Ramesh Kanapareddy of 352 E. Royal St. George, Vernon Hills.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** President Doerhoefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Omnibus Vote Agenda**
 - A. **Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 22, 2011**
 - B. **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 25, 2011**
 - C. **Payables (less Grainger) & Payroll through September 22, 2011 in the amount of \$478,878.46**
Motion by Commissioner Ballowe to approve items A - C of the Omnibus Vote Agenda. Second by Commissioner Robbins.
Ayes: Commissioners Robbins, Kessler, Ballowe and Doerhoefer
Nays: None Absent: Commissioner Meline Motion carries.
5. **Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period** – Resident Ramesh Kanapareddy stated that he is a long time resident of Vernon Hills and he wants to compliment the Vernon Hills Park District staff and programs. His involvement with the Park District has always been positive and he is thankful to the District for the excellent service provided.
6. **Financial Reports for the Period Ending August 31, 2011** - Financial reports were accepted for file and audit.
7. **Reports/Communication**
 - A. **Executive Director– Jeff Fougrousse** – Report attached.
 - B. **Finance and HR Superintendent – Marla Pineiro** – Executive Director Fougrousse presented Superintendent Pineiro’s report in her absence.
 - C. **Recreation Superintendent – Tom Ritter** – Report attached.
 - D. **Parks Superintendent – Mike Moorman** – Report attached.
 - E. **Communications Manager – Cheryl Baron** – Report attached.
 - F. **Commissioner/Committee Reports and Communications** –
 - 1) **Park District/Village Liaison Committee – Commissioners Doerhoefer & Ballowe**– No report.
 - 2) **Park District/ School Dist. 73 Liaison Committee – Commissioner Robbins** – No report.
 - 3) **Park District/Community High School 128 Liaison Committee – Commissioner Kessler** – No report.
 - G. **Board Correspondence** – None received.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

A. Resolution 8-11 Accessibility Improvements and SRACLC

The District desires to improve some of its properties and facilities in order to make them more accessible to the handicapped to permit greater usage of the properties and facilities.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins to approve Resolution 8-11 Accessibility Improvements and SRACLC. Second by Commissioner Kessler.

Ayes: Commissioners Robbins, Kessler, Ballowe and Doerhoefer

Nays: None Absent: Commissioner Meline Motion carries.

B. W.W. Grainger Invoices Payable

Motion by Commissioner Kessler to approve the W.W. Grainger invoices in the amount of \$1,355.38.

Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Ayes: Commissioners Kessler, Robbins and Ballowe Abstention: Commissioner Doerhoefer

Nays: None Absent: Commissioner Meline Motion carries.

10. Commissioner Comments

A. Commissioner Ballowe – No comment.

B. Commissioner Meline – Absent.

C. Commissioner Robbins – No comment.

D. Commissioner Kessler – No comment.

E. Commissioner Doerhoefer – No comment.

11. Closed Session for the Purpose of the Semi-Annual Review, Approval, and/or Release of Closed Session Minutes pursuant to section 2(c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

President Doerhoefer at 6:58p.m. announced that the Board, Executive Director Fougrouse and Administrative Assistant Marcangelo would recess and adjourn to Closed Session for the Purpose of the Semi-Annual Review, Approval, and/or Release of Closed Session Minutes pursuant to section 2(c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Commissioner Ballowe to go into Closed Session. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Ayes: Commissioners Kessler, Ballowe, Robbins and Doerhoefer

Nays: None Motion carries.

12. Action, if any, on Closed Session discussion items.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 7:11p.m. and returned to Open Session at 7:11p.m. Commissioner Meline joined the Closed Session at 7:05pm. President Doerhoefer stated that Action was taken in Closed Session regarding the Semi-Annual Review, Approval, and/or Release of Closed Session Minutes.

Commissioner Doerhoefer motioned to Release the Closed Session Minutes of September 23, 2010 and to Approve the Closed Session Minutes of June 24, 2010, February 24, 2011, April 21, 2011 and August 25, 2011. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Ayes: Commissioners Kessler, Robbins, Ballowe, Meline and Doerhoefer.

Nays: None Motion carries.

13. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:12p.m.

Jeff Fougrousse, Park Board Secretary

David Doerhoefer, Park Board President