

**Vernon Hills Park District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
September 23, 2010 – 6:30p.m.**

1. **Call to Order.** The Regular Meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Ballowe at 6:30p.m. at the Laschen Community Center, 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills.
2. **Roll Call.** Present: Commissioners Meline, Robbins, Kessler, Doerhoefer and Ballowe. Staff –Jeff Fougerousse, Orin Main, Tom Ritter, Marla Pineiro, Cheryl Baron, Cathy Marcangelo and Mat Emken. Others present: Rick Bieterman from NuToys Company and Resident Julie Kirkorsky.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** President Ballowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Omnibus Vote Agenda**
 - A. **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 26, 2010**
 - B. **Payables (less Grainger) & Payroll through August 31, 2010 in the amount of \$331,616.28**
Motion by Commissioner Robbins to approve items A & B of the Omnibus Vote Agenda. Second by Commissioner Kessler.
Ayes: Commissioners Ballowe, Meline, Kessler, Robbins, and Doerhoefer
Nays: None Motion carries
5. **Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period** – No visitor comments.
6. **Financial Reports for the Period Ending August 31, 2010** - Financial reports were accepted for file and audit.
7. **Reports/Communication**
 - A. **Executive Director– Jeff Fougerousse** – Report attached. In addition, Executive Director Fougerousse discussed VGB Aquatic Center Improvements which are needed. Executive Director Fougerousse also reminded the Board that there will be a Park Tour on Sunday, September 26 at 9am at Deerpath Park.
 - B. **Finance and HR Superintendent – Marla Pineiro** – Report attached. Commissioner Robbins asked if the District has received written confirmation of the percentage of increase for the insurance premium. Superintendent Pineiro stated that this figure is just a projection at this time, but the District should receive the actual numbers in late October.
 - C. **Recreation Superintendent – Tom Ritter** – Report attached.
 - D. **Parks Superintendent – Orin Main** – Report attached.
 - E. **Communications Manager – Cheryl Baron** – Report attached.
 - F. **Commissioner/Committee Reports and Communications** –
 - 1) **Park District/Village Liaison Committee – Commissioners Ballowe & Doerhoefer**– President Ballowe stated that there will be a Village Liaison Meeting on September 28, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.
 - 2) **Park District/ School Dist. 73 Liaison Committee – Commissioner Meline** – No report.
 - G. **Board Correspondence** – No correspondence received.
8. **Unfinished Business** – No unfinished business.

9. New Business

A. Contract Award -Century Park North End Backstop Fencing & Dugout Project

A Legal Ad for an invitation to bid on the Century Park North End Backstop Fencing & Dugout project was placed in the Daily Herald on September 9, 2010.

Motion by Commissioner Doerhoefer to accept the low bid from Custom Built Commercial Fence in the amount of \$73,207.00 to complete the Century Park North End Backstop Fencing & Dugouts Project. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

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

Nays: None Motion carries

B. Westwood Park Playground Designs

Rick Bieterman from Nu-Toys presented three proposed playground designs for Westwood Park.

Commissioner Robbins asked what age levels are appropriate for each design. Mr. Bieterman answered that playground option #2 is geared towards more age levels (ages 2 -12), and playground options #1 & #3 are geared toward ages 5-12. Resident Julie Kirkorsky of 342 Ashwood, Vernon Hills, input that she is a mom of a 6 year old which uses Westwood Park and she would vote for playground option #1 or playground option #2, not playground option #3.

Motion by Commissioner Meline to approve the purchase of playground design #2 from Nu-Toys in the amount of \$19,465.00. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

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

Nays: None Motion carries.

C. W.W. Grainger Invoices Payable

Motion by Commissioner Robbins to approve the W.W. Grainger invoices in the amount of \$592.27.

Second by Commissioner Meline.

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

Nays: None Motion carries.

10. Commissioner Comments

A. Commissioner Ballowe – No comment.

B. Commissioner Doerhoefer – No comment.

C. Commissioner Meline – No comment.

D. Commissioner Robbins – No comment.

E. Commissioner Kessler – No comment.

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

President Ballowe at 7:06p.m. announced that the Board, Executive Director Fougrousse and Cathy Marcangelo would recess and adjourn to Closed Session for the Purpose of the Semi-Annual Review, Approval, and/or Release of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Audio Tapes Pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Motion by Commissioner Doerhoefer to go into Closed Session. Second by Commissioner Kessler.

Nays: None Motion carries.

12. Action, if any, on matters discussed in Closed Session.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 8:27p.m.and returned to Open Session at 8:27p.m. President Ballowe stated that Action was taken in Closed Session regarding the Semi-Annual Review, Approval, and/or Release of Closed Session Minutes and the Destruction of Audio Tapes. Commissioner Robbins motioned to release to the Public, Redacted Closed Session Minutes of February 20, 2009, the Approval and Release of Closed Session Minutes of February 25, 2010, the Approval of Closed Session Minutes of August 5, 2010 and the Destruction of Audio Tapes from Closed Sessions on November 3, 2008, November 19, 2008, February 17, 2009, February 20, 2010, February 21, 2010, February 22, 2010, February 23, 2010 and February 24, 2010. Second by Commissioner Kessler.

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

Nays: None Motion carries.

13. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:29.m.

Jeff Fougerousse, Park Board Secretary

James E. Ballowe, Park Board President