

**Vernon Hills Park District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
August 27, 2009 – 6:00 pm**

1. **Call to Order.** The regular meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Ballowe at 6:09pm at the Laschen Community Center, 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills.
2. **Roll Call.** Present: Commissioners Doerhoefer, Meline, Sente, Robbins, and Ballowe. Staff –Jeff Fougrousse, Marla Pineiro, Tom Ritter, Orin Main, and Ruth Horndasch. Others present: Dr. Susan Zook, School District #73 Superintendent, James Wascher of Friedman and Holtz and Mick Zawislak from the Daily Herald.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** President Ballowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Omnibus Vote Agenda**
 - A. **Minutes of the Rescheduled Regular Meeting of July 22, 2009**

Motion by Commissioner Sente to approve item A of the Omnibus Vote Agenda. Second by Commissioner Robbins.
Ayes: Commissioners Meline, Robbins, Sente, Doerhoefer, and Ballowe
Nays: None Motion carries
 - B. **Payables (less Grainger) & Payroll through August 27, 2009 in the amount of \$610,239.46**

Motion by Commissioner Sente to approve item B of the Omnibus Vote Agenda. Second by Commissioner Robbins.
Ayes: Commissioners Robbins, Sente, Meline, Doerhoefer, and Ballowe
Nays: None Motion carries
5. **Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period**

Dr. Susan Zook, School District #73 Superintendent approached the podium and introduced herself to the Park Board. Supt. Zook stated that she was excited to build a relationship with the Park District and looked forward to serving the Vernon Hills community together.
6. **Financial Reports for the Period Ending July 31, 2009** - Financial reports were accepted for file and audit.
7. **Reports/Communication**
 - A. **Executive Director– Jeff Fougrousse** – Report attached. Executive Director Fougrousse stated that he had met with the Village regarding the Village of Vernon Hills Seavey Drainage Ditch Clearing and Tree Removal Project to clear out evasive weeds and buckthorn. The District’s financial commitment to this project is \$20,000 which will clear the area from the Sullivan Road extension north to Route 60.

Executive Director Fougrousse informed the Park Board that the District may have an opportunity to present the District’s North End Century Park Grant Project proposal to the Department of Natural Resources in early October. Park Board members are encouraged to attend and present the District’s grant proposal.
 - B. **Finance and HR Superintendent – Marla Pineiro** – Report attached.
 - C. **Recreation Superintendent – Tom Ritter** – Report attached.
 - D. **Parks Superintendent – Orin Main** – Report attached. Supt. Main asked the Park Board to consider relocating the bronze statues that had previously been moved from the Sullivan Community Center to a more secure location due to recent vandalism. Executive Director Fougrousse will provide the Park Board with a relocation plan for bronze statues proposed to be relocated.

E. Communications Manager – Cheryl Baron – Report attached.

F. Commissioner/Committee Reports and Communications –

1) Park District/Village Liaison Committee – Commissioners Sente and Ballowe – Commissioner Sente reported that a Park District/Village Liaison Committee Meeting was scheduled for September 8, 2009 at the Village Hall.

2) Park District/Hawthorn School District 73 Liaison Committee – Commissioner Meline – Commissioner Meline reported that he and Executive Director Fougrousse attended the school board meeting on August 24th.

G. Board Correspondence – President Ballowe stated that the District received a letter from Partners for Tobacco Free Lake County who thanked the District again for updating the District’s smoking policy making playgrounds, athletic fields and the skate park smoke-free and as a token of their appreciation, enclosed t-shirts from their 7th annual World No Tobacco Day Walk.

8. New Business

A. Ordinance 5-09, Sale of Surplus Personal Property

President Ballowe asked for a motion to approve Ordinance Number 5-09 authorizing and providing for the sale of surplus personal property of the Vernon Hills Park District. Motion by Commissioner Sente to approve Ordinance 5-09, Sale of Surplus Personal Property. Second by Commissioner Meline.

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

Nays: None Motion carries.

B. Bid Approval, 2009 Asphalt Paving

Park Superintendent Main stated that a legal ad was placed in the Vernon Hills Review for asphalt paving at Peterson Park basketball court and for a new path at Garvanian Park. Asphalt paving bids were sent to two prospective bidders and picked up by an additional 10 prospective bidders. Five bids were received and opened. The low bid from AAA Quality Paving in the amount of \$22,995.00 for Peterson Park basketball court and \$8,300 for Garvanian Park path was in order. Motion by Commissioner Meline to accept the low bid from AAA Quality Paving in the amount of \$22,995.00 for Peterson Park basketball court and \$8,300 for the path at Garvanian Park. Second by Commissioner Sente.

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

Nays: None Motion carries.

C. Closed Session Minutes

President Ballowe stated Item 8.C. would be tabled until the September 24, 2009 Park Board Meeting.

D. W.W. Grainger Invoices Payable

Motion by Commissioner Sente to approve the W.W. Grainger invoices in the amount of \$2,867.06.

Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Ayes: Commissioners Meline, Robbins, Sente, and Ballowe. Abstention: Commissioner Doerhoefer

Nays: None Motion carries.

9. Closed Session for the Purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee of the Public Body of Legal Counsel for the Public Body and for the Purpose of Litigation When an Action Against, Affecting or on Behalf of the District Has Been Filed and is Pending in a Court or Administrative Tribunal, or When the District Finds That Such Action is Probable or Eminent, Pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Respectively.

President Ballowe at 6:36pm announced that the Board and Executive Director Fougrousse would recess and adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee of the Public Body of Legal Counsel for the Public Body and for the Purpose of Litigation

When an Action Against, Affecting or on Behalf of the District Has Been Filed and is Pending in a Court or Administrative Tribunal, or When the District Finds That Such Action is Probable or Eminent, Pursuant to Sections 2(c)(21) and 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meeting Act, Respectively and that Supt. Pineiro and attorney James Wascher of Friedman and Holtz would join the meeting at a later time.

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

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

Nays: None Motion carries.

10. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Closed Session

The Board came out of closed session at 7:25 pm and returned to Open Session at 7:26 pm. President Ballowe stated that the Board had met in Closed Session to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee of the Public Body of Legal Counsel for the Public Body and for the Purpose of Litigation When an Action Against, Affecting or on Behalf of the District Has Been Filed and is Pending in a Court or Administrative Tribunal, or When the District Finds That Such Action is Probable or Eminent, Pursuant to Sections 2(c)(21) and 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meeting Act, Respectively, and that no action would be taken as a result of discussions in Closed Session.

11. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm.

Jeff Fougerousse, Park Board Secretary