

**Vernon Hills Park District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
May 22, 2008 – 6:00 pm**

1. **Call to Order.** The regular meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Doerhoefer at 6:10 pm at the Laschen Community Center, 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** President Doerhoefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call.** Present: Commissioners Meline, Peterson, Sente and Doerhoefer. Staff –Larry DeGraaf, Marla Pineiro, Orin Main, Tom Ritter, Cheryl Baron, and Ruth Horndasch.
4. **Omnibus Vote Agenda**
 - A. **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2008**
 - B. **Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 24, 2008**
 - C. **Payables (less Grainer) & Payroll through May 22, 2008 in the amount of \$404,131.47**

Motion by Commissioner Peterson to approve items A, B, and C of the Omnibus Vote Agenda. Second by Commissioner Sente.

Ayes: Commissioners Meline, Peterson, Sente and Doerhoefer
Nays: None Motion carries
5. **Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period** – Resident April Nemrava of 1344 N. Streamwood, expressed her concerns and offered her suggestions and comments to the Board regarding the north end renovations at Century Park.
6. **Financial Reports for the Period Ending April 30, 2008** - Financial reports were accepted for file and audit.
7. **Reports/Communication**
 - A. **Executive Director – Larry DeGraaf** – Report attached.
 - B. **Finance & HR Superintendent – Marla Pineiro** – Report attached.
 - 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 – Commissioner Sente** – No report. Commissioner Sente stated that no meetings had taken place.
 - 2) **Park District Environmental Committee Liaison – Commissioner Sente** – Commissioner Sente met with Marty Walsh, Chair of the Park District Environmental Committee, to review the committee’s findings of what the Park District is currently doing and what initiatives could be implemented in the future.
 - 3) **Park District/Hawthorn School District 73 Liaison Committee – Commissioner Meline** – No report.
 - G. **Board Correspondence** – The District received a letter from the National Recreation and Park Association congratulating the Vernon Hills Park District for being selected as a finalist for the 2008 National Gold Medal Award. President Doerhoefer stated that this is the 3rd year in a row the District has been nominated and congratulated the staff for their hard work and efforts in achieving this status.

8. New Business

A. Date Change for the Regular July Board Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Meline to change the regular Board meeting date from July 24, 2008 to July 31, 2008.
Second by Commissioner Sente.

Ayes: Commissioners Sente, Peterson, Meline, and Doerhoefer

Nays: None Motion carries.

B. Discussion of Resident v. Non-Resident Fees for Vernon Hills Business Owners

The topic of resident verses non-resident fees for Vernon Hills business owners was briefly discussed. Executive Director DeGraaf will contact the Park District's attorney to clarify the wording of the Illinois law concerning fees for business owners. The consensus of the Board is to refer to the law of Illinois and not make a new policy. Each request for special resident rates will be reviewed case-by-case.

C. Easement Agreement between the Vernon Hills Park District & the Village of Vernon Hills – Village Golf Course/Hawthorn Club Park Fence

Motion by Commissioner Sente to approve the easement agreement between the Park District and the Village of Vernon Hills for a fence at the Village Golf Course and Hawthorn Club Park. Second by Commissioner Peterson.

Ayes: Commissioners Sente, Meline, Peterson, and Doerhoefer

Nays: None Motion carries.

D. W.W. Grainger Invoices Payable

Motion by Commissioner Sente to approve W.W. Grainer invoices in the amount of \$202.32. Second by Commissioner Meline.

Ayes: Commissioners Meline, Peterson, and Sente Abstention: Commissioner Doerhoefer

Nays: None Motion carries.

9. Closed Session for the Purposes of Filling a Vacancy on the Park Board and to Discuss the Performance of an Employee, Pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Respectively.

President Doerhoefer at 7:12 pm announced that the Board and Executive Director DeGraaf would recess and adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of Filling a Vacancy on the Park Board and to Discuss the Performance of an Employee, Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Respectively. Motion by Commissioner Peterson to go into Closed Session. Second by Commissioner Sente.

Ayes: Commissioners Peterson, Sente, Meline, and Doerhoefer

Nays: None Motion carries

10. The Board came out of Closed Session at 7:27 pm and returned to Open Session at 7:28 pm. President Doerhoefer stated that no action will be taken at this time on matters discussed in Closed Session.

11. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Larry A. DeGraaf, Board Secretary