

**Vernon Hills Park District
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting
November 25, 2009 – 5:00p.m.**

1. Call to Order. The Special Meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Ballowe at 5:17pm at the Larry Laschen Community Center located at 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL.

2. Roll Call. Present: Commissioners Doerhoefer, Meline, Robbins and Ballowe. Staff – Jeff Fougerousse. Others present: Residents Cindy Kessler, Mason Kessler, Duncan Kessler and Steve Kessler

3. New Business

A. Truth in Taxation Resolution 4-09

Each year the Park Board is required to estimate the amount of money it will need to levy to cover the District's operating cost for the next fiscal year.

This year the amount of real estate taxes, exclusive of election costs, public building commission leases and debt service levies, extended by the Park District, plus any amount abated by the Park District before extension, upon the final 2008 real estate tax levy of the Park District (2009 tax bill) is \$3,502,101.

The amount of real estate taxes, exclusive of election costs, public building commissioner leases and debt service levies, proposed to be levied by the Park District for 2009 (2010 tax bill) is \$3,279,788.

Based on the forgoing, the estimated percentage increase in the proposed 2008 aggregate levy over the amount of real estate taxes extended upon the final 2008 aggregate levy is -6.35%, and that, accordingly, no public hearing or publication is required under the Truth in Taxation Law. Executive Director Fougerousse explained that the reason for the decrease this year was due to the reduction of the SRACLC levy. Motion by Commissioner Meline to approve Truth-in-Taxation Resolution 4-09. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Ayes: Commissioners Meline, Robbins, Doerhoefer and Ballowe

Nays: None Motion carries

B. Oath of Office – Newly Appointed Park Commissioner

Motion by Commissioner Doerhoefer to appoint Cindy Kessler to the Park Board. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Ayes: Commissioner Doerhoefer, Robbins, Ballowe and Meline

Nays: None Motion carries

Executive Director Fougerousse administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Park Board Commissioner Cindy Kessler. Commissioner Kessler thanked the Park Board for the appointment.

In addition, Executive Director Fougerousse relayed to the Park Board that a meeting date would need to be arranged with the VHCYAA Board regarding the VHCYAA/Park District agreement.

4. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:27pm.

Jeff Fougerousse, Park Board Secretary

James E. Ballowe, Park Board President