

**Vernon Hills Park District  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
November 17, 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 6:35p.m. at the Laschen Community Center, 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills.
2. **Roll Call.** Present: Commissioners Ballowe, Meline, Kessler, Robbins and Doerhoefer. Staff –Jeff Fougerousse, Mike Moorman, Tom Ritter, Marla Pineiro and Cathy Marcangelo. Absent: Cheryl Baron
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** President Doerhoefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Omnibus Vote Agenda**
  - A. **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 27, 2011**
  - B. **Payables (less Grainger) & Payroll through November 17, 2011 in the amount of \$442,630.08**

Motion by Commissioner Kessler to approve items A & B of the Omnibus Vote Agenda. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Ayes: Commissioners Meline, Robbins, Kessler, Ballowe and Doerhoefer  
Nays: None Motion carries.
5. **Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period** – No Public Comments.
6. **Financial Reports for the Period Ending October 31, 2011** - Financial reports were accepted for file and audit.
7. **Reports/Communication**
  - A. **Executive Director– Jeff Fougerousse** – Report attached. In addition, Executive Director Fougerousse asked that item 8B on the agenda be tabled for a future meeting. Executive Director Fougerousse also acknowledged the SRACLC for receiving Distinguished Agency Accreditation and thanked all the member districts that participate in the co-op. There are 22 families with special needs requesting services from the SRACLC which shows there is a definite need in our district for the services they offer. Additionally, the Cubby Bear North in Lincolnshire is hosting a fundraiser event on November 25<sup>th</sup> which will include an autograph session by Floyd Mayweather, WBC Welterweight Champion, of which all of the proceeds from the event will benefit the SRACLC. Executive Director Fougerousse thanked Lifeline, a Vernon Hills corporation, for volunteering their time to assist with the planting of trees and shrubs at Century Park.
  - B. **Finance and HR Superintendent – Marla Pineiro** –No written report was submitted this month.
  - C. **Recreation Superintendent – Tom Ritter** – Report attached. Commissioner Meline asked how many programs fill up and require the use of the lottery. Superintendent Ritter answered that usually only one or two programs totally fill up in addition to swim lessons which fill up quickly. The District tries to add additional swim lessons to the schedule to accommodate requests. Commissioner Meline also asked about how the registration process will work with the elimination of the lottery. Superintendent Ritter explained that walk in registrations will be keyed in immediately and the registrant will be given a receipt, faxed registrations will be keyed in the same day as received, and online registrations will receive confirmation once the online registration process is completed. Commissioner Kessler asked where the collection site is for the Box Tops for Education for the preschool program. Superintendent Ritter answered that the Box Tops can be dropped off at the Sullivan Center front desk or given to Gail Herrmann, the Early Childhood Supervisor.

**D. Parks Superintendent – Mike Moorman** – Report attached. Commissioner Robbins asked what the timeline and process is for selling the surplus property. Superintendent Moorman answered that the 2008 Ford Expedition and the 2006 For Explorer are dealer trade-ins, the 2000 Dodge Dump Truck and the 2003 Ford F-250 Plow Truck will be kept until the spring then sold for current market value, the remaining property will be sold now to a perspective buyer.

**E. Communications Manager – Cheryl Baron** – Report attached. Superintendent Ritter read Communications Manager Baron’s report in her absence.

**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** – Commissioner Robbins reported that Commissioner Doerhoefer, Executive Director Fougrousse and himself attended the School District 73 Board Meeting on November 14, 2011. Commissioner Robbins was introduced to all of the School Board Members. District 73 will be putting out a bid notice for their after school program which requires completion by December 8, 2011.

**3) Park District/Community High School 128 Liaison Committee – Commissioner Kessler** – No report.

**G. Board Correspondence** – None received.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**A. Vernon Hills High School Turf Agreement**

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners of the Vernon Hills Park District formally declare its support for the Rustoleum Field artificial turf field project of the Board of Education of Community High School District 128, and that the Park District’s Executive Director and legal counsel be authorized and directed to commence discussions with the appropriate officers of, and legal counsel for the School District for the purpose of developing an intergovernmental agreement for consideration by the respective governing bodies of the Park District and School District.

Motion by Commissioner Ballowe to approve support of the Rustoleum Field artificial turf project.

Second by Commissioner Meline.

Discussion: Commissioner Robbins voiced his concern about the District’s relationship with School District 128. Executive Director Fougrousse clarified that this motion is for the Board to approve support of the funding of the project, the amount of support is still in draft form. The Intergovernmental Agreement, once completed, will need to be approved by the Board. Commissioners Meline, Kessler and Doerhoefer shared that they feel this project will be a benefit to both parties.

Ayes: Commissioners Kessler, Meline, Ballowe and Doerhoefer

Nays: Robbins Motion carries.

**9. New Business**

**A. Resolution 9-11 Truth in Taxation**

The Truth in Taxation Resolution 9-11 is to levy an estimated \$3,388,885, which represents a 1.78% increase over the year 2010 tax levy. President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to approve Resolution 9-11 Truth in Taxation.

Motion by Commissioner Ballowe to approve Resolution 9-11 Truth in Taxation. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

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

Nays: None Motion carries.

**B. Resolution 10-11 Real Estate Contract for the sale of the Deerpath Center**

President Doerhoefer announced that Resolution 10-11 will be tabled for a future meeting.

**C. Ordinance 5-11 Surplus Property**

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to approve Ordinance Number 5-11 authorizing and providing for the sale of surplus personal property of the Vernon Hills Park District.

Motion by Commissioner Meline to approve Ordinance 5-11 for Surplus Property Second by Commissioner Kessler.

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

Nays: None Motion carries.

**D. W.W. Grainger Invoices Payable**

Motion by Commissioner Robbins to approve the W.W. Grainger invoices in the amount of \$1,495.41. Second by Commissioner Meline.

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

Nays: None Motion carries.

**10. Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real property pursuant to section 2(c)(5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.**

President Doerhoefer at 7:18p.m. announced that the Board, Executive Director Fougrousse and Superintendent Moorman would recess and adjourn to Closed Session for the Purpose of discussing the purchase of real property pursuant to section 2(c)(5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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

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

Nays: None Motion carries.

**11. Action, if any, on Closed Session discussion items.**

The Board came out of Closed Session at 8:07p.m. and returned to Open Session at 8:07p.m. President Doerhoefer stated that no Action was taken in Closed Session.

**12. Commissioner Comments**

**A. Commissioner Ballowe** – No comment.

**B. Commissioner Meline** – No comment.

**C. Commissioner Robbins** – No comment.

**D. Commissioner Kessler** – No comment.

**E. Commissioner Doerhoefer** – No comment.

**13. Adjournment**

Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:08p.m.

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Jeff Fougrousse, Park Board Secretary

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David Doerhoefer, Park Board President