

**Vernon Hills Park District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
October 22, 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 6:04pm at the Laschen Community Center, 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills.
2. **Roll Call.** Present: Commissioners Doerhoefer, Meline, Robbins and Ballowe. Staff –Jeff Fougerousse, Marla Pineiro, Tom Ritter, Orin Main, Cheryl Baron, and Ruth Horndasch. Others present: Pete Koukos of Mesirow Financial and Dan Dalziel of 3D Design Studio.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** President Ballowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Omnibus Vote Agenda**
 - A. **Minutes of the Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting of September 24, 2009; Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 16 & 17 and October 1, 2009; Minutes of the Closed Session Meetings of July 31, 2008, August 28, 2008, November 3, 2008, November 19, 2008, February 17, 2009, February 20, 2009, February 21, 2009, February 22, 2009, February 23, 2009, February 24, 2009, February 27, 2009 and September 16, 2009.**

Motion by Commissioner Meline to approve item A of the Omnibus Vote Agenda. Second by Commissioner Robbins.
Ayes: Commissioners Meline, Robbins, Doerhoefer, and Ballowe
Nays: None Motion carries
 - B. **Payables (less Grainger) & Payroll through October 22, 2009 in the amount of \$724,315.83**

Motion by Commissioner Robbins to approve item B of the Omnibus Vote Agenda. Second by Commissioner Meline.
Ayes: Commissioners Robbins, Meline, Doerhoefer, and Ballowe
Nays: None Motion carries
5. **Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period**
6. **Financial Reports for the Period Ending Sept. 30, 2009** - Financial reports were accepted for file and audit.
7. **Reports/Communication**
 - A. **Executive Director– Jeff Fougerousse** – Report attached.
 - B. **Finance and 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 – Commissioners Ballowe** No report.
 - 2) **Park District/ School Dist73 Liaison Committee – Commissioner Meline** No report

8. New Business

A. Contract Award – Century Park Shoreline Stabilization Project Phase V

Dan Dalziel of 3D Design Studio gave a brief presentation of the Century Park Shoreline Stabilization Project – Phase V to the Board and provided a drawing outlining the work to be performed. A Legal Ad for an invitation to bid on the Century Park Shoreline Stabilization Project Phase V was placed in the Daily Herald on October 2, 2009. Twenty-nine bid packets were distributed to prospective bidders. The bid from the low bidder was in order; references were checked and found to be satisfactory. Twelve bidders competed for this contract with the low bidder coming in 15% under budget. President Ballowe then asked for a motion to accept the low bid of \$229,013.30 from Heights Landscaping and to authorize Executive Director Fougousse to execute the contract for Phase V of the Shoreline Stabilization Project. Motion by Commissioner Doerhoefer to accept the low bid from Heights Landscaping in the amount of \$229,013.30 to complete Phase V of the Shoreline Stabilization Project. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Ayes: Commissioners Robbins, Doerhoefer, Meline, and Ballowe

Nays: None Motion carries

B. Ordinance No. 6-09 Providing for the Issue of General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2009A and for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds.

President Ballowe stated that a proposal had been received from Mesirow Financial, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, for the purchase of the District's non-referendum General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2009A, to be issued by the District pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Park District Code and that the Board of Park Commissioners would consider the adoption of an ordinance providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest thereon. President Ballowe then asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 6-09 is an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$730,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2009A, of the Vernon Hills Park District, Lake County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds. The Park Board discussed the merits and disadvantages of adopting Ordinance No. 6-09. Motion by Commissioner Doerhoefer to approve Ordinance No. 6-09 providing for the issue of not to exceed \$730,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2009A and Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds. Second by Commissioner Robbins

Ayes: Commissioners Doerhoefer, Robbins, and Ballowe

Nays: Commissioner Meline Motion carries

C. Ordinance No. 7-09 Providing for the Issue of General Obligation Park Refunding Bonds, Series 2009B and for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds.

President Ballowe stated that a proposal had been received from Mesirow Financial, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, for the purchase of the District's non-referendum General Obligation Park Refunding Bonds, Series 2009B, to be issued by the District pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Park District Code and that the Board of Park Commissioners would consider the adoption of an ordinance providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereon. President Ballowe then asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 7-09 an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$5,575,000 General Obligation Park Refunding Bonds, Series 2009B, of the Vernon Hills Park District, Lake County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds. Motion by Commissioner Doerhoefer to approve Ordinance No. 7-09, an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$5,575,000 General Obligation Park Refunding Bonds, Series 2009B and Levy of Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Ayes: Commissioners Doerhoefer, Robbins, and Ballowe.

Nays: Commissioner Meline Motion carries

D. Culvers Concession Proposal

Executive Director Fougrousse provided the Board with information concerning Culvers proposal to offer concessions at the Family Aquatic Center. Back Yard Grill has opted not to return as the Family Aquatic Center's concession purveyor.

E. W.W. Grainger Invoices Payable

Motion by Commissioner Robbins to approve the W.W. Grainger invoices in the amount of \$787.57.
Second by Commissioner Meline.

Ayes: Commissioners Robbins, Meline and Ballowe. Abstention: Commissioner Doerhoefer
Nays: None Motion carries.

9. Commissioner Comments

A. Commissioner Ballowe – No comment.

B. Commissioner Doerhoefer – No comment.

C. Commissioner Meline – No comment.

D. Commissioner Robbins – No comment.

10. Closed Session

President Ballowe at 7:05pm announced that the Board would not meet in closed session.

11. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm.

Jeff Fougrousse, Park Board Secretary