

**Vernon Hills Park District  
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting  
September 16, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order.** The Special Meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Ballowe at 6:03 pm at the Laschen Community Center, 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills.

**2. Roll Call.** Present: Commissioners Doerhoefer, Robbins and Ballowe. Also present: Executive Director Fougousse, Supt. Pineiro and Wally Stock of Mesirow Financial.

**3. New Business – Vernon Hills Park District Refinancing Options**

Wally Stock of Mesirow Financial provided the Park Board with options for consideration to refinance the District's Series 1998 Bonds.

**Option A – refinance with lower interest rates and same maturity schedule:**

- A new issue structured with the same maturity length and annual savings will open up approximately \$35,000 in yearly limited tax capacity for future park projects, but a future larger project financing secured by the District's limited tax base of \$901,468 will be cost prohibitive until the fall of 2018 when the refunding issue is retired.

**Option B – refinance with lower interest rates and 3 year accelerated maturity schedule:**

- A new issue with a 3-year accelerated repayment structure could save over \$950,000 in total interest expenses, and open up a window to structure a new larger project financing secured by the District's limited tax base of \$901,468 in the fall of 2012. There would be no ability to receive limited tax bond monies until the refunding issue is retired. There is an initial property tax impact of approximately \$27 per \$100,000 of home value (approx. \$0.08 per \$100 of EAV) with Option B until the refunding issue is retired.

**Option C – refinance with lower interest rates, 4 year accelerated maturity schedule and new money:**

- A new issue with a 4-year accelerated repayment structure and new money could save over \$300,000 in total interest expenses, generate \$525,000 in new money for fall of 2009 and open up a window to structure a new larger project financing secured by the District's limited tax base of \$901,468 in the fall of 2013. There would be no ability to receive limited tax bond monies until the refunding issue is retired. There is an initial property tax impact of approx. \$25 per \$100,000 of home value (approx. \$0.085 per \$100 of EAV) with Option C until the refunding issue is retired.

**Option D – refinance with lower interest rate, 4 year accelerated maturity schedule:**

- A new issue with a 4-year accelerated repayment structure could save over \$900,000 in total interest expenses and open up a window to structure a new larger project financing secured by the District's limited tax base of \$901,468 in the fall of 2013. There would be no ability to receive limited tax bond monies until the refunding issue is retired. There is an initial property tax impact of approx. \$15 per \$100,000 of home value (approx. \$0.045 per \$100 of EAV) with Option D until the refunding issue is retired.

**Option E – do nothing:**

- The savings potential will increase or decrease by either changes in the marketplace or less par amount of outstanding bonds that can be refinanced, but the District will have the flexibility to readdress the refinancing topic and determine a structure by which to finance a new larger project in the near future.

The consensus of the Park Board is to pursue Option C. The Park Board also announced that a Bond Issue Notification Act (BINA) Hearing would be held at a Special Park Board Meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at 6:00pm at the Laschen Community Center.

**4. Adjournment**

Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:25 pm.

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Jeff Fougrousse, Park Board Secretary