

Vernon Hills Park District - Board of Park Commissioners
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting
July 31, 2008 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order. The special meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Doerhoefer at 5:00 p.m. at the Laschen Community Center, 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills.

2. Roll Call. Present: Commissioners Meline, Peterson, Sente, Ballowe and Doerhoefer. Staff – Larry DeGraaf, Marla Pineiro, Orin Main and Tom Ritter. David Brown, Village Engineer was also present.

3. Business. There was one item of business: discussion of the Village proposal for an access road through the land north of the Sullivan Center. The Village Manager sent the Park District a letter including plans the proposed access road and asking for Park District review and comment. David Brown gave a short review of how the present proposal came about in support of the new library building. The foam board copy of the proposed access road that Mr. Brown provided went from Atrium Drive west through the Village property, exiting through the Park District property on Aspen Drive, directly across the street from the Middle School exit drive. Space was outlined for a future Park District fieldhouse (see attached).

The Park Board Commissioners asked many questions about the proposed location for the access road. It expressed its concern that there was not safe access to parking for users of the future Park District fieldhouse. There was apparently enough room for an appropriately sized fieldhouse, but not for customer parking on the same side of the road as the fieldhouse.

By consensus, the Board tasked Director DeGraaf to reply to the Village Manager letter telling him of some of the Park Board concerns and advising him that the Park Board would be hiring a consultant to help it plan for the new fieldhouse, especially with regard to building size, site orientation and best means of access. The consultant's work would be complete in about 10 weeks.

5. Adjournment. Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Larry A. DeGraaf, Board Secretary