



**Vernon Hills Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2018**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** - The regular meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Doerhoefer at 6:30 p.m. at 635 N. Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061.

Present: Commissioners Robbins, Ballowe, Meline, Doerhoefer. Staff: Jeff Fougerousse, Marla DeCicco, Cheryl Buhmann, Mark Purcell, James Kim, Amy Darling. Absent: Commissioner Kessler.

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** - President Doerhoefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Omnibus Vote Agenda** – Items under the Omnibus Vote Agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. If a separate vote on any one item is desired, it will be pulled from the Omnibus Vote Agenda and voted on separately.
- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting July 18, 2018
 - B. Payables (less Grainger) & Payroll through August 23, 2018 in the amount of \$1,201,806.39

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Ballowe.

Vote to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

Ayes: Commissioner Meline, Ballowe, Robbins, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

- 4. Financial Reports for the Period Ending July 31, 2018**

President Doerhoefer confirmed that there are no changes to the financial reports and that they are on file.

- 5. Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period**

VHAC Wind Farm – Jack Mulcrone- President Doerhoefer invited Jack and Devin Mulcrone to the podium. Jack and Devin made a video presentation titled “What If” to the Board. This presentation outlined the boys’ idea of creating a wind farm at the VHAC. This wind farm could power lights for athletic fields and create educational opportunities on green energy. The board encouraged Jack and Devin to continue to gather information and offered the assistance of James Kim, Parks Superintendent who also heads up the district Environmental Committee. The board also offered to assist the boys in connecting with local business entities that currently have relationships with the district in an effort to



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begin dialogue regarding funding. Jack and Devin were congratulated on their initiative and well delivered presentation.

6. Unfinished Business -NONE

7. New Business

A. US Tennis Contract Award

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to convert two tennis courts in Deerpath Park into pickleball courts and award the contract to U.S. Tennis of Lockport, IL in an amount not to exceed \$23,825.00.

Motion by Commissioner Meline.

Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Discussion: Commissioner Ballowe asked to clarify the number of pickleball courts that are being created. Executive Director Fougerousse stated that two tennis courts will be converted into six pickleball courts. President Doerhoefer confirmed with pickleball players in attendance that the measurements of the court sizes and fencing would be appropriate. Players concurred. President Doerhoefer stated that an agreement is being determined between the Park District and Vernon Hills High School to use the high school courts for district tennis lessons, thereby freeing up additional courts at Deerpath for tennis players.

Vote to approve the US Tennis Contract Award.

Ayes: Commissioner Ballowe, Robbins, Meline, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

B. Pickleball Fence Contract Award

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to award Action Fence of Mundelein IL the contract for pickleball fencing in the amount of \$6,600.00.

Motion by Commissioner Meline.

Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Vote to approve the Action Fence Contract Award.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Meline, Ballowe, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries



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E. December 2018 Regular Park Board Meeting Date Change

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to change the December 2018 Regular Park Board meeting date from the 20th to the 13th of December.

Motion by Commissioner Ballowe.

Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Vote to change the Park Board Meeting Date.

Ayes: Commissioner Ballowe, Robbins, Meline, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion carries.

F. 2019-2023 Masterplan

President Doerhoefer announced that the Park District Masterplan is a planning document that focuses on parks and facilities. The district is in the initial stages of updating this plan for 2019-2023. Any members of the public that would like to comment or discuss this plan are welcome to contact our Executive Director Jeff Fougrouse. The current Masterplan document is posted on the district website.

G. GRNE Solar Presentation- Eric Peterman of GRNE presented a proposal for solar panel installation on district facilities.

H. GEC Solar Presentation- Paul Kalas of GEC presented a proposal for solar panel installation on district facilities.

I. Trane Solar Presentation- Aaron Raftery presented a proposal for solar panel installation on district facilities.

J. W.W. Grainger Invoice Payable

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to approve the W.W. Grainger invoice in the amount of \$206.52.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Meline.

Vote to approve the W.W. Grainger invoice.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Meline, Ballowe, Doerhoefer.

Abstain: Doerhoefer

Nays: None. Motion Carries



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8. Reports and Communication

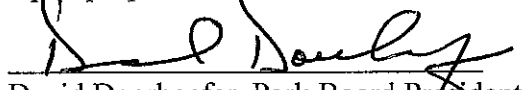
- A. Executive Director- Jeff Fougrousse-report attached. In addition, Jeff acknowledged the district staff who volunteered to ensure the Ribfest event was successful. Proceeds from this year's event is expected to provide financial assistance to approximately 15 Vernon Hills families.
- B. Finance and HR Superintendent – Marla DeCicco-report attached. In addition, Jeff stated that board members are not issued park district procurement cards. A system of checks and balances exists to monitor and account for the use of staff card activity.
- C. Recreation Superintendent- Tom Ritter –report attached.
- D. Parks Superintendent- James Kim –report attached.
- E. Marketing & Communications Manager- Cheryl Buhmann –no report. Cheryl thanked all of the families who attended the Chalk the Walk event.
- F. Lakeview Facility Manager- Mark Purcell-report attached. – In addition, the pool and spa area will re-open tomorrow at 5:30 a.m.
- G. Commissioner/Committee Reports and Communications- none.
- H. Board Correspondence -none.

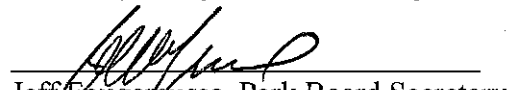
9. Commissioner Comments

- A. Commissioner Ballowe -no comment
- B. Commissioner Meline – no comment
- C. Commissioner Robbins –no comment
- D. Commissioner Doerhoefer – thank you to the staff and the community for making the Ribfest event such a success.

10. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.


David Doerhoefer, Park Board President


Jeff Fougrousse, Park Board Secretary

