



Vernon Hills Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Ballowe at 6:30 p.m. at the Laschen Community Center, 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills.
2. Roll Call - Present: Commissioners Kessler, Robbins, Ballowe. Staff: Jeff Fougerousse, Marla Pineiro, James Kim, Tom Ritter, Cheryl Baron and Amy Darling. Absent: Commissioner Doerhoefer and Commissioner Meline. Guest: Amy Lamberti.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – President Ballowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. 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 Special Board Meeting February 25, 2016
 - B. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting February 25, 2016
 - C. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting February 25, 2016
 - D. Payables (less Grainger) & Payroll through March 24, 2016 - \$646,654.77

President Ballowe asked for a motion to approve items A-D on the Omnibus Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kessler to approve items A-D of the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

Second by Commissioner Robbins

Vote to approve items A-D of the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Kessler, Ballowe

Nays: None. Motion Carries

5. Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period

President Ballowe announced that there being no public comments, the Agenda would be modified and New Business Item 9A, Community Service Awards would be presented at this time.

President Ballowe joined Executive Director Jeff Fougerousse at the podium.

President Ballowe invited Amy Lamberti to the podium where he recognized her contribution to the future Kids Castle Playground and residents of the Park District. President Ballowe then read aloud and presented the Illinois Association of Park District Community Service Award.



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Amy Lamberti accepted the award and shared the recognition with the residents of Vernon Hills who continue to support and volunteer for this effort.

6. Financial Reports for the Period Ending February 29, 2016

President Ballowe asked Marla if there are any changes or addition to Financial Reports.

Superintendent Pineiro reported that there are no changes to the financial reports and that they are on file.

7. Reports and Communication

- A. Executive Director Jeff Fougerousse- report attached. In addition, Jeff reminded the Park Board of a Special Meeting scheduled for March 31 at 6:45pm. Commissioner Kessler confirmed that the recycling event will be on a first come first served basis until the three trailers are full. Tom Ritter followed up to report that the event will now conclude at 1:00pm anticipating that the volume of electronics received will fill the trailers quickly.
- B. Finance and HR Superintendent Marla Pineiro – report attached.
- C. Recreation Superintendent Tom Ritter – report attached. In addition, Tom informed residents that registration for Hawthorn Afterschool Program will begin on April 4 for returning and new Kindergarten students. General registration will begin on April 25.
- D. Parks Superintendent James Kim – report attached. In addition, James encouraged residents to contact the District Parks Department with any questions regarding the current removal and replanting of trees. James also displayed three options for the new Peterson Park Playground. The current train feature will remain regardless of the final plan chosen. Commissioner Robbins inquired as to when the park restrooms are likely to be opened. James plans on opening on April 11, based on weather outlook. James mentioned that the District is planning to create a dedicated skating rink next season on ballfield 3. Commissioner Robbins inquired as to whether it would create additional liability to which Marla responded no. The additional feature would be covered under the current PDRMA policy. Jeff also stated that as with any District amenity, the rink would be inspected routinely and will meet all safety requirements.
- E. Communications Manager Cheryl Baron- report attached
- F. Commissioner/Committee Reports and Communications- none

8. Unfinished Business - none

9. New Business

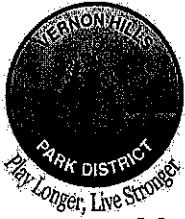
- B. Resolution 1-16 -A Resolution authorizing display of the tentative FY 2016-2017 Vernon Hills Park District Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Public Inspection

President Ballowe asked for a motion to approve Resolution 1-16.



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Motion by Commissioner Robbins to approve Resolution 1-16
Second by Commissioner Kessler
Vote to approve Resolution 1-16
Ayes: Commissioner Kessler, Robbins, Ballowe
Nays: None. Motion Carries

C. Village of Vernon Hills request to use Century Park for July 4 and Summer Celebration Events

President Ballowe asked for a motion to approve the Village Request to use Century Park for July 4 and Summer Celebration Events.

Motion by Commissioner Kessler to approve Village of Vernon Hills request to use Century Park for July 4 and Summer Celebration Events
Second by Commissioner Robbins
Vote to approve Village Request
Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Kessler, Ballowe
Nays: None. Motion Carries

D. Kids Castle Restroom Bid Recommendation

President Ballowe asked for a motion to award the bid for a Fabricated Restroom Building next to Kids Castle Playground to Biological Mediation Systems, LLC in the amount of \$39,839.00

Motion by Commissioner Robbins to award the bid for a Fabricated Restroom Building next to Kids Castle Playground to Biological Mediation Systems, LLC in the amount of \$39,839.00.
Second by Commissioner Kessler
Vote to approve the bid for a Fabricated Restroom Building next to Kids Castle Playground to Biological Mediation Systems, LLC in the amount of \$39,839.00.
Ayes: Commissioner Kessler, Robbins, Ballowe
Nays: None. Motion Carries

E. W.W. Grainger Invoice Payable- none

10. Commissioner Comments

- A. Commissioner Ballowe- none
- B. Commissioner Robbins - none



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C. Commissioner Kessler – Wishing everyone a happy Spring.

11. Closed Session under 2(c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the Semi-Annual Review, Approval, and/or Release of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Audio Tapes.

President Ballowe asked for a motion to go into Closed Session under 2(c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the Semi-Annual Review, Approval, and/or Release of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Audio Tapes.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins to go into Closed Session under 2(c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the Semi-Annual Review, Approval, and/or Release of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Audio Tapes.

Second by Commissioner Kessler

Ayes: Commissioner Kessler, Robbins, Ballowe

Nays: None. Motion Carries

12. Action, if any, on Closed Session discussion items

The Commissioners and staff returned to Open Session at 7:27 p.m. President Ballowe explained that the Board met in Closed Session to discuss the Semi-Annual Review, Approval and or Release of Closed Session Minutes and the Destruction of Audio tapes pursuant to section 2(c)(21).

President Ballowe motioned approve the minutes of the Closed Sessions held on February 17, 2009, February 21, 2009, February 23, 2009, February 27, 2009, August 5, 2010 and September 24, 2015 and also to approve making them available to the public, it having been determined by the Board that they no longer require confidential treatment. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

President Ballowe motioned to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of November 19, 2015 and not to approve making them available to the public it having been determined by the Board that they still require confidential treatment. Second by Commissioner Robbins.

President Ballowe motioned that the Park Board hereby determines that the need for confidentiality still exists as to all remaining closed session minutes, or portions thereof, not previously released for public inspection, and the same shall not be released for public inspection at this time. Second by Kessler.

President Ballowe motioned to approve the destruction of the audio tape of the Closed Session held on September 18, 2014 after a finding that the minutes as approved meet the written minutes requirement of the Open Meetings Act and at least 18 months have passed since the meetings were held. Second by Commissioner Kessler



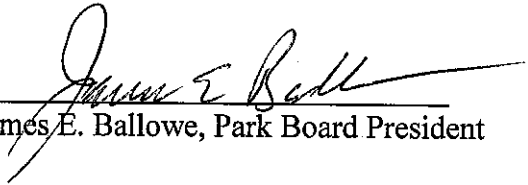
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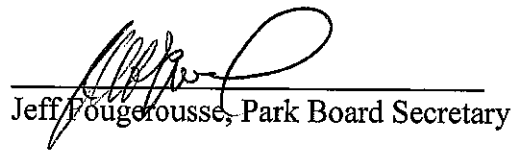
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F. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.


James E. Ballowe, Park Board President


Jeff Fougrousse, Park Board Secretary



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