



**Vernon Hills Park District  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Truth in Taxation Public Hearing  
December 13, 2018 – 6:15p.m.**

**1. Call to Order.** The truth in taxation public hearing of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Doerhoefer at 6:15 pm at the Sullivan Community Center located at 635 N. Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL.

**2. Roll Call.** Present: Commissioners Doerhoefer, Kessler, Ballowe, Robbins and Meline. Staff – Jeff Fougrousse, Cheryl Buhmann, Marla DeCicco, James Kim, Tom Ritter, Joe Zimmerman, and Amy Darling.

**3. New Business**

**A. Truth in Taxation Public Hearing**

President Doerhoefer stated that the Truth in Taxation hearing for the Vernon Hills Park District's 2018 Tax Levy was open and read aloud the following statement.

The Truth in Taxation Act requires a taxing district to schedule and announce a public hearing whenever an estimated tax levy is 5% greater than the previous year's extension. Because the estimated tax levy for 2018 represents only a 4.98 % increase over the previous year's extension, a hearing is not required to be scheduled. However, it has been our District's practice to schedule and announce a public hearing each year. This evening's hearing will provide an opportunity for any members of the public to present their thoughts to the Board regarding the estimated tax levy.

At the November Board meeting the Board approved by resolution an estimated levy of \$3,811,000 (not including bonds and special recreation) to be extended in 2019. This estimate represents a 4.98% increase over the previous tax year. The increase is based on the rising cost of living, an increase in Park District residents and the expansion and improvement of Park District facilities.

President Doerhoefer asked if there were any questions or comments. Being none, President Doerhoefer declared the Truth in Taxation Hearing for the 2018 Tax Levy Closed.

**4. Adjournment**

Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:18pm.

David Doerhoefer, Park Board President

Jeff Fougrousse, Park Board Secretary

