



Vernon Hills Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2019 – 6:30p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Executive Director Jeff Fougousse requested a motion to appoint Vice President Ballowe as President Pro-tem.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Kessler.

Vote to appoint Commissioner Ballowe as President Pro-Tem.

Ayes: Commissioner Kessler, Robbins, Ballowe.

The regular meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Pro-Tem Ballowe at 6:32 p.m. at 635 N. Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061.

Present: Commissioners Robbins, Ballowe, Kessler.

Staff: Jeff Fougousse, Tom Ritter, Cheryl Buhmann, Joseph Zimmerman, Marla DeCicco, James Kim, Amy Darling.

Absent: Commissioner Doerhoefer, Commissioner Meline

Guest Present: Aaron Raftery, Trane U.S., Inc.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - President Pro-tem Ballowe 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 June 27, 2019

B. Payables & Payroll that include travel expenses for Commissioners and staff to attend the 2019 NRPA Conference) through July 25, 2019 in the amount of \$820,262.83.

President Pro-tem Ballowe asked for a motion to approve items on the Omnibus Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kessler.

Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Discussion: none.

Vote to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Kessler, Ballowe.

Nays: None. Motion Carries



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4. Financial Reports for the Period Ending June 30, 2019

President Pro-tem asked Marla if there have been any additions or changes to the financial reports and if they are currently on file.

Commissioner Robbins requested that monthly financial reports be approved pending audit adoption.

President Pro-tem Ballowe asked for a motion to approve the financial reports for the period ending June 30, 2019 pending audit adoption.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins

Second by Commissioner Kessler

Vote to approve financial reports

Ayes: Commissioner Kessler, Robbins, Ballowe.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

5. Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period

- Grosse Pointe Park Masterplan Public Input

No guests being present, President Pro-tem Ballowe stated:

“The Park Board and staff would like to inform the public that we are hosting a meeting on August 1st at Grosse Pointe Park, 900 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Vernon Hills from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to seek input on future improvements for Grosse Pointe Park.

6. Reports and Communication

A. Executive Director- Jeff Fougerousse – on file

B. Finance and HR Superintendent – Marla DeCicco- on file

C. Recreation Superintendent- Tom Ritter –on file

D. Parks Superintendent- James Kim –on file

E. Marketing & Communications Manager- Cheryl Buhmann –on file

F. Facility Manager- Joe Zimmermann –on file

G. Commissioner/Committee Reports and Communications

H. Board Correspondence - President Pro-tem Ballowe read aloud a letter from Brad Schneider congratulating the District on being selected as an NRPA Gold Medal Finalist.



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7. Unfinished Business

A. Evergreen Lake Recommendation

President Pro-tem Ballowe stated that staff has recommended awarding the contract for professional services to Christopher B. Burke Engineering for future improvements to Evergreen Lake.

President Pro-tem Ballowe asked for a motion to approve the recommendation to award the contract to Christopher B. Burke Engineering.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Kessler.

Discussion: Commissioner Robbins opened discussion by requesting further clarification on what the contract included. James Kim reviewed the proposed steps for restoring Evergreen Lake and the associated costs. Commissioner Kessler expressed concern with the financial investment in restoring the lake given the possibility that the lake could potentially end up in the same condition in the future. Executive Director Fougrouse outlined the alternatives to restoration, including the considerations the district would need to take for the residents who live near the lake. James further noted that the contract would allow the district to move forward with restoration of Evergreen Lake in increments and as the budget provided.

Vote to award the contract to Christopher B. Burke Engineering.

Ayes: Commissioner Kessler, Robbins, Ballowe.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

8. New Business

A. Trane- Solar Contract Approval

President Pro-tem Ballowe introduced Aaron Raftery who was present to answer any questions or address any concerns from the Board.

Hearing none, President Pro-tem Ballowe asked for a motion to approve the Solar Power Services Agreement between Trane U.S. Inc., and the Vernon Hills Park District effective July 25, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Kessler.

Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Discussion: none.

Vote to approve the Solar Power Services Agreement.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Kessler, Ballowe.

Nays: None. Motion Carries



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B. Resolution 4-19 authorizing the application for an OSLAD grant for future improvements to Grosse Pointe Park.

President Pro-tem Ballowe asked for a motion to approve Resolution 4-19 approving and authorizing the submittal of an application for a community development block grant.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Kessler.

Discussion: none.

Vote to approve Resolution 4-19.

Ayes: Commissioner Kessler, Robbins, Ballowe.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

9. Commissioner Comments

A. Commissioner Ballowe – Hope everyone can make it to Ribfest.

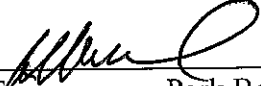
B. Commissioner Robbins -none

C. Commissioner Kessler -none

10. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.


James Ballowe, Park Board President Pro-tem


Jeff Rougerousse, Park Board Secretary



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