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**Vernon Hills Park District  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2021**

1. **Call to Order** - The Special Board Meeting of the Vernon Hills Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by Vice President Kessler at 4:33 p.m. at the Sullivan Community Center, 635 Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills.
  
2. **Roll Call** - Present: Commissioners Robbins, Kessler, Sente.  
Absent: Commissioner Doerhoefer.  
Commissioner Meline was present by electronic means via telephone and left the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Staff present: Marla DeCicco, Lacy Velasquez, Cheryl Buhmann, Amy Darling, Tom Ritter, Jeff Fougerousse, Jessica Mitchell. James Kim was present by electronic means via telephone.

3. **Family Aquatic Center Discussion and Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Workshop**  
Board members and staff reviewed and discussed the proposed 2021 season opening plan for the Family Aquatic Center. The consensus is to open the front of the facility only and require pre-registration. No season passes will be offered at this time. Two shifts of two hours each will be offered. The lazy river and plunge pool will be filled after the season to test and identify any mechanical issues in advance of the 2022 season. Special events for teens and adults will be considered in lieu of not having access to the slide and river. Tom will provide additional financial reports to demonstrate the outcome if numbers of patrons permitted in the facility continues to increase.

2021-2025 District Capital Improvement Plan will be revised to reflect the recent PARC Grant award. The plan will be presented at the April 2021 board meeting for adoption.

Marla reviewed revised budget reports board members and staff. Discussion followed regarding the Lakeview operating fund. Commissioners Kessler and Sente are amenable to moving Lakeview staff benefits to the Recreation operating fund and utilizing the new higher level reports. Commissioner Doerhoefer has made his opinion known that he is also amenable to this change. Commissioner Robbins would prefer that the Lakeview fund maintain all revenue and expense associated with the facility. Jeff will discuss with Commissioner Meline and report back to the board.



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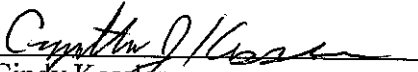


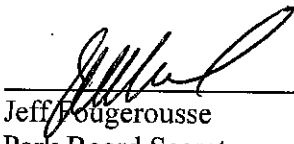
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Commissioner Robbins led board and staff thru a review of the proposed FY 2021/2022 operating budget. No significant issues were noted. Marla will make any necessary revisions. The board will be presented with a Resolution to post the budget for public display at the March 25, 2021 meeting. The budget will be presented for adoption in May 2021.

**4. Adjournment**

Under proper motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

  
Cindy Kesgler  
Park Board Vice President

  
Jeff Fougrousse  
Park Board Secretary

