



**Vernon Hills Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting
635 N. Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills, Illinois
March 23, 2023**

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice President Sente called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Robbins, Giraldo, Jacobs, Sente,

Absent: Commissioner Doerhoefer.

Staff: Jeff Fougerousse, Jessica Mitchell, Tom Ritter, James Kim, Lacy Marinenko, Cheryl Buhmann, Amy Darling.

Guests: Aaron Gold

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President Sente 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 Special Board Meeting, March 2, 2023

B. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 2, 2023

C. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting March 8, 2023

D. Payables & Payroll through March 23, 2023 in the amount of **\$684,449.41**

Vice President Sente asked for a motion to approve Omnibus Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Giraldo, Robbins, Jacobs, Sente.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

4. Financial Reports for the Period Ending February 28, 2023

Vice President Sente asked Superintendent Mitchell if there are any changes to the reports as filed. No changes were reported.



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5. Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period

Vice President Sente stated that the Board would welcome remarks from the public at this time. Remarks would be limited to three minutes and no board response will be given. No remarks were made by the public.

6. Unfinished Business – No unfinished business was heard.

7. New Business

A. Vernon Hills Park District Ordinance 05-23- Aaron Gold, Speer Financial

Aaron Gold from Speer Financial reported on the bidding process and sale for the Series 2023A Alternate Revenue Source Bond. The closing for this sale will take place on April 6.

Vice President Sente stated that a proposal has been received from Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, St. Louis, Missouri, for the purchase of \$5,115,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2023A, to be issued by the District, to provide for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and that the Board of Park Commissioners would consider the adoption of an ordinance providing for the issue of said bonds, for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest on the bonds if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment

Vice President Sente asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 5-23- AN ORDINANCE providing for the issue of approximately \$5,115,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2023A, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the Park District, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay said principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment, and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Giraldo.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Jacobs, Robbins, Giraldo, Sente.

Nays: None. Motion Carries



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B. Vernon Hills Park District Resolution 2-23

A RESOLUTION Authorizing Display of the Tentative FY2023-2024 Vernon Hills Park District Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Public Inspection.

Vice President Sente asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2-23.

Motion by Commissioner Jacobs.

Second by Commissioner Giraldo.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Jacobs, Giraldo, Sente.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

C. Semi-Annual Review, Approval, and/or Release of Closed Session Minutes

Vice President Sente asked for a motion to release closed session minutes of 12/26/2022 as they no longer require confidential treatment and will be available for public inspection.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Giraldo, Robbins, Jacobs, Sente.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

Vice President Sente asked for a motion to withhold release of closed session minutes of 11/20/14 as the need for confidentiality still exists as to all of the minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Giraldo.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Jacobs, Robbins, Giraldo, Sente.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

Vice President Sente asked for a motion to destroy the audio tapes from closed sessions held on 4/22/21, 5/27/21 and 8/9/21, it having been determined by the Board that appropriate minutes were recorded as approved, and the written minutes meet the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, and at least 18 months have passed since the meeting was held:

Motion by Commissioner Jacobs.

Second by Commissioner Giraldo.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Jacobs, Giraldo, Sente.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

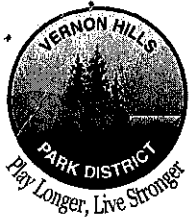


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D. Vernon Hills Sports Club IGA

Vice President Sente asked for a motion to approve the agreement between the Vernon Hills Park District and the Vernon Hills Sports Club.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Giraldo, Robbins, Jacobs, Sente.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

8. Reports and Communication

- A. Marketing & Communications Manager- Cheryl Buhmann- report attached.
- B. Parks Superintendent- James Kim –report attached.
- C. Recreation Superintendent- Tom Ritter – report attached.
- D. Facility Manager- Lacy Marinenko- report attached.
- E. Finance and HR Superintendent – Jessica Mitchell – report attached.
- F. Executive Director- Jeff Fougrousse – report attached.
- G. Commissioner/Committee Reports and Communications- none.
- H. Board Correspondence – none.

9. Commissioner Comments

- A. Commissioner Sente - no comments.
- B. Commissioner Giraldo – no comments.
- C. Commissioner Robbins – no comments.
- D. Commissioner Jacobs – no comments.

10. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Carol Sente, Park Board Vice President

Jeff Fougrousse, Park Board Secretary



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