



Vernon Hills Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting

September 28, 2023
Hawthorn Melody Pavilion
2221 Hazeltine Drive
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

6:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Doerhoefer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Doerhoefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Robbins, Jacobs, Sente, Doerhoefer.

Absent: Commissioner Giraldo.

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

Guests: Vernon Hills Park District Affiliates

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 Regular Board Meeting August 24, 2023

B. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting August 24, 2023

C. Payables & Payroll through September 28, 2023 in the amount of \$753,332.53.

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to approve the Omnibus Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Jacobs, Sente, Doerhoefer

Nays: None. Motion Carries



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5. Welcome to Visitors and Guests - Public Comment Period

President Doerhoefer stated that the Board will now hear remarks from the public. Remarks will be limited to three minutes and no board response will be given. President Doerhoefer asked if there were any remarks to be heard.

Nhan Quan of 266 Shadow Creek Circle, Vernon Hills had remarks for the Board. Mr. Quan expressed his appreciation for the attention that park district staff give to Hawthorn Melody Park. He commended James Kim, Superintendent of Parks, for his responsiveness to questions or concerns and shared how proud he was to show visiting friends and family the park. Mr. Quan stated that he was opposed to the clearing of the trees and vegetation along the entrance and parking lot to Hawthorn Melody Park that backs up to the residences. He spoke to the level of noise reduction, privacy and property value influence that the tree line provides. He expressed concern that wildlife will be displaced if the clearing continues.

President Doerhoefer thanked Mr. Quan for his comments to the Board.

6. Financial Reports for the Period Ending August 31, 2023

President Doerhoefer asked Superintendent Mitchell if there any changes to the financial reports on file for the period ending August 31, 2023. No changes were reported.

7. Old Business- President Doerhoefer stated there is no Old Business to be heard.

8. New Business

A. Annual Affiliate Presentations

- i. Vernon Hills Sports Club
- ii. Vernon Hills Soccer Club
- iii. Vernon Hills Stingers
- iv. Vernon Hills Community Baseball Softball

Vernon Hills Sports Club, Vernon Hills Soccer Club, Vernon Hills Stingers Softball and Vernon Hills Community Baseball/Softball affiliates each provided an update on their programs. Each provided registration, financial and leadership information. In addition, each affiliate was provided the opportunity to highlight program updates and plans as well as make any requests to the Park District for assistance. All of the affiliates commented on the cooperative relationship and support received by the Park District. President Doerhoefer asked each affiliate how the park district could be the most helpful. Communicating their programs via Constant



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Contact and email blasts continues to be appreciated. Use of district marquees may be helpful. Vice President Sente commented that the summary packet provided by the Stingers was greatly appreciated and would be helpful from all affiliates if possible next year. President Doerhoefer thanked the affiliates for their dedication and their commitment to the community.

B. Semi-Annual Review, Approval, and/or Release of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Audio Tapes

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to release closed session minutes of 6/22/2023 as they no longer require confidential treatment and will be available for public inspection.

Motion by Commissioner Jacobs.

Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Jacobs, Sente, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

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

Motion by Commissioner Sente.

Second by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Jacobs, Sente, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to destroy the audio tape from the closed session held on 12/9/21, 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 Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Jacobs, Sente, Doerhoefer

Nays: None. Motion Carries



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9. Reports and Communication

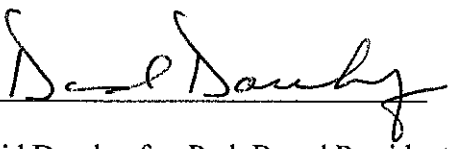
- A. Marketing & Communications Manager- Cheryl Buhmann- report attached.
- B. Facility Manager- Lacy Marinenko -report attached.
- C. Parks Superintendent- James Kim -report attached.
- D. Finance and HR Superintendent – Jessica Mitchell- report attached.
- E. Recreation Superintendent- Tom Ritter- report attached.
- F. Executive Director- Jeff Fougrousse- report attached. In addition, an on behalf of the district, Jeff expressed deepest sympathies to the family of Robert Collins and the D73 community for this significant loss.
- G. Commissioner Committee Reports and Communications- none.
- H. Board Correspondence – none.

10. Commissioner Comments


- A. Commissioner Sente – none.
- B. Commissioner Robbins -none.
- C. Commissioner Jacobs – none.
- D. Commissioner Doerhoefer – none.

11. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.



David Doerhoefer, Park Board President



Jeff Fougrousse, Park Board Secretary

