



**Vernon Hills Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Special Board Meeting
December 14, 2023
635 N. Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061
5:00 p.m.**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Doerhoefer called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Robbins, Giraldo, Jacobs, Sente, Doerhoefer.

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

Guests: Aaron Gold, Andrew Paine

3. New Business

Agency Financial Future

Aaron Gold, Vice President of Speer Financial, Inc. presented information on how a limited tax rate increase would affect the Corporate and Recreation funds of the district. He informed the board of the limitations to the verbiage of the questions presented to the community at the polls. Commissioner Robbins expressed concern over the complicated nature of the question. President Doerhoefer explained that the district would work toward simplifying that question prior to the election. Commissioner Jacobs recommended explaining the question in other formats such as the website and mailing pieces. Aaron also provided a summary explanation of how the EAV determines rate increase options.

District Counsel, Andrew Paine provided guidelines to the board on meeting with constituents, using marketing firms and establishing community advocates. He also provided information on the deadline to file a proposed rate increase ballot question with the County.

4. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

David Doerhoefer, Park Board President

Jeff Fougerousse, Park Board Secretary



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