



**Vernon Hills Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting**

**June 26, 2024
Deerpath Park- Warrington Shelter
24 Warrington Road
Vernon Hills, IL 60061**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Doerhoefer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

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

Guest: Mary Daniels, Tom Kwiatt.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

President Doerhoefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Special Meeting May 23, 2024

B. Minutes of the Annual Meeting May 23, 2024

C. Minutes of the Closed Session May 23, 2024

D. Minutes of the Special Meeting June 4, 2024

E. Minutes of the Closed Session June 4, 2024

F. Payables & Payroll through June 26, 2024 in the amount of **\$1,922,474.62.**

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

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Giraldo, Jacobs, Robbins, Sente, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries



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5. Financial Reports for the Period Ending May 31, 2024

President Doerhoefer asked Superintendent Mitchell if there any changes to the financial reports on file for the period ending May 31, 2024. No changes were reported.

6. 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. No remarks were heard.

President Doerhoefer introduced Mary Daniels. Mary is currently completing a Marketing internship with the park district and is also a pool manager at Turtle Creek Waterpark. Mary expressed her appreciation for the internship opportunity and commented on how much she enjoys working for the district.

President Doerhoefer introduced Thomas Kwiatt. Thomas spoke to the board about the benefits of creating a pollinator garden to support the monarch butterfly. Thomas provided extensive information on the flight patterns and life cycles of the butterfly and how severely limited their habitats have become. He is happy to hear that a pollinator garden is being planned for Kelli Garvanian Park near the corner of Route 45 and Deerpath Drive.

7. Reports and Communication

- A. Facility Manager- Lacy Marinenko- report attached.
- B. Parks Superintendent- Mark Fleishman – report attached. Commissioner Sente noted that in Mark’s report he mentioned that the water loss during startup at TCW was significantly lower than in years past. She inquired as to what might have led to this improvement. Mark noted that it was in large part due to the efforts of Facilities Foreman Dave Cwiak. Dave has worked diligently to clean and maintain the Lazy River and stayed abreast of any repairs needed.
- C. Recreation Superintendent- Tom Ritter – report attached.
- D. Marketing & Communications Manager- Cheryl Buhmann- report attached.
- E. Finance and HR Superintendent – Jessica Mitchell – report attached.
- F. Executive Director- Jeff Fougerousse – report attached.
- G. Commissioner/Committee Reports and Communications – none.
- H. Board Correspondence – none.

8. Unfinished Business - none.



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9. New Business

A. Grosse Pointe Master Plan Adoption

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to adopt the Master Plan for Grosse Pointe Park contingent on an OSLAD Grant Award.

Motion by Commissioner Giraldo.

Second by Commissioner Sente.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Jacobs, Giraldo, Robbins, Sente, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

B. Ordinance 05-24; An Ordinance Declaring As Surplus and Authorizing The Sale or Other Conveyance of Surplus Personal Property of the Vernon Hills Park District, Lake County, Illinois.

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 05-24.

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Giraldo, Robbins, Jacobs, Sente, Doerhoefer.

Nays: None. Motion Carries

10. Commissioner Comments

A. Commissioner Robbins – nothing this evening.

B. Commissioner Sente – thank you to everyone for coming out to the meeting this evening.

C. Commissioner Giraldo – nothing this evening.

D. Commissioner Jacobs – looking forward to seeing everyone at the parade on the 4th.

E. Commissioner Doerhoefer – thank you to everyone for being here this evening.

11. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2(C)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to enter into closed session Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel matters.

Motion by Commissioner Jacobs.

Second by Commissioner Robbins.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioner Robbins, Giraldo, Jacobs, Sente, Doerhoefer.

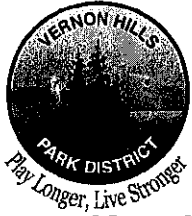
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Nays: None. Motion Carries

At 7:24 pm, the Board returned to Open Session.

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

President Doerhoefer stated that the Board met in Closed Session under Section 2(C)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss:

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

President Doerhoefer stated that no action was taken in the Closed Session.

The audiotape of this Closed Session will be in the custody of Executive Director Jeff Fougousse.

Upon proper motion and second the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

David Doerhoefer, Park Board President

Jeff Fougousse, Park Board Secretary



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