



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

**August 22, 2024
Sullivan Community Center
635 N. Aspen Drive
Vernon Hills, IL 60061**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Doerhoefer called the meeting to order at 5:31 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.
Guests: Jason Bullman, Robert Wood.

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 Regular Meeting July 25, 2024
 - B. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting July 31, 2024
 - C. Payables & Payroll through August 22, 2024 in the amount of \$1,157,706.68.

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

Motion by Commissioner Robbins.

Second by Commissioner Giraldo.

Discussion: None.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries





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

President Doerhoefer asked Superintendent Mitchell if there any changes to the financial reports on file for the period ending July 3, 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.

Jen Freels came before the board to express her concern regarding her belief that the district has a lack of diversity and inclusion within its practices. As an LGBTQ+ family, she and her family have not always felt welcome and have found difficulty in navigating language used on registration forms. She would encourage the district to consider diversity of family structures when planning and marketing programs and to begin using more visible indicators to other LGBTQ+ families that the park district is a safe space. President Doerhoefer thanked her for her remarks.

A. Recognition of Robert Wood

Executive Director Fougrousse brought Recreation Supervisor Robert Wood to the podium. Recently Robert was recognized for his professionalism and positive influence on the members of the Turtles Swim Team by one of the team parents. Executive Director shared the level of respect Robert has attained within that program as well as across the district with his colleagues. He is a tremendous asset to the District. Robert thanked Jeff for his comments and noted that his time with the district started when he was 16 years old. He looks forward to continuing to contribute to the district and the Vernon Hills community. President Doerhoefer thanked Robert for his service on behalf of the board and the residents of Vernon Hills. He is an excellent role model to the youth of the community. Vice President Sente further noted that Robert's recognition by a parent in the community is an example of what makes the board proud to serve this park district.

7. Reports and Communication

- A. Facility Manager- Lacy Marinenko- report attached.
- B. Parks Superintendent- Mark Fleishman – report attached.
- 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 Fougrousse – report attached.
- G. Commissioner/Committee Reports and Communications – none.
- H. Board Correspondence -none.





8. Unfinished Business- none.

9. New Business

A. Hartmann Roof Recommendation

President Doerhoefer asked for a motion to award the roof projects at Hartmann Park to Lombardo Roofing Inc in the amount of \$19,480.00.

Motion by Commissioner Jacobs.

Second by Commissioner Giraldo.

Discussion: None.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries

B. Board Development Workshop

President Doerhoefer stated that at this time, the board meeting will be recorded via audiotape and staff will be dismissed from the meeting. The time noted as 6:05.

Vice President Sente led the board in a discussion that included a review of board survey results; any expectations of changes with the new Executive Director and a confirmation of board schedule thru the end of 2024.

10. Commissioner Comments

A. Commissioner Robbins - none

B. Commissioner Sente – none.

C. Commissioner Giraldo – none.

D. Commissioner Jacobs – none.

E. Commissioner Doerhoefer – none.

11. Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

David Doerhoefer, Park Board President

Jeff Fougousse, Park Board Secretary



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