TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE SCHERERVILLE, IN
REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING JUNE 1, 2022

The Regular Park Board Meeting of the Town of Schererville, Indiana, was called to order by President Brad Bassick at 6:00 p.m. in the Schererville Town Hall, 10 East Joliet Street, Schererville, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: Brad Bassick, Tom Malinowski, Ed Repay, Joe Skvarek and Nicole Kelly. Staff members present: Superintendent John Novacich, Administrative Coordinator Irene Mireles, Attorney Christian Bartholomew, Councilwoman Robin Arvanitis, and Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling.

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for May 4, 2022

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to approve the minutes from May 4, 2022 seconded by Ms. Kelly. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Approval of Donations

Mr. Novacich said there was a donation of $3,500.00 from George Kouros for park benches he is sponsoring at Stephen Park.

Mr. Skvarek made motion to approve the donation, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (5-0)

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Ms. Bohling gave an update on room rental and picnic shelter rentals reports. She said compared to this time last year, room rentals are up $5,764.00 and shelter rentals are up $1,250.00.

Ms. Mireles said this month Girls Softball has their Region Rumble Tournament and NSA will have their Mid-Summer Showdown.

Mr. Novacich the playground at Rohrman is almost completed.

Mr. Novacich said the tree service for Pennsy Trail, still need to come out. He said last month the company, Homer Tree Service, had a fire at their shop and that put them behind schedule.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Consider Approval of Donation to Lake County Parks Dept. for Serros Property Park Acquisition.

Mr. Bassick said that he was advised by Town Manager Robert Volkmann to hold off on making this donation, because the Town Council will be voting next week to give the Parks Department a portion of Illiana Speedway property to expand Rohrman Park. He said he is concerned about giving money to Lake County Parks and then not having money needed to improve one of our own parks. Councilman Caleb Johnson said the concern with that would be that if Lake County does not make the $800,000.00 to enter into the match grant because the Park Board does not give money. Mr. Repay asked what the balance of the impact fees right now. Mr. Bassick said $735,400.00. Mr. Repay said he there is no reason why the Board cannot give $100,000.00 and using what was left for

anything that the Board may want to do at Illiana. Mr. Novacich said that more impact fee money will continue to come as well.

Mr. Repay made a motion for the Park Board to commit $100,000.00 from the impact fees to match the commit from the Town Council, and if project does not happen then the money comes back to the Park Board without interest. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Any other from Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Approval of Special Event Request – Driftwood Collective

Jeff Zelinski said that this will be the 6th or 7th year this event will be held at our skate park. Mr. Zelinski is requesting to have this event at on Saturday, July 2. He said the event will be the same as previous events and the profit made from rider registration will be donated back to the Park Dept. Mr. Novacich there has not been any issues in the past. Mr. Zeliniski said that he is also requesting that the fees for the use of the park be waived.

Mr. Malinowski made motion to approve the Driftwood Collective skate park event on July 2, 2022 and the fees be waived. Mr. Repay seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Skvarek said the check from last year's event was just received tonight. Mr. Skvarek made a motion to accept the donation from Driftwood Collective in the amount of $200.00, seconded by Mr. Repay. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Any other from Park Board

Mr. Repay made a motion to approve the digital sign policy with the corrections to the dates and times discussed in the study session.

THEREUPON, Business from the floor

Allison Scankeeny, from 4922 W. 92nd Avenue, approached the Board to express concern about the flooring at Trace Park. Ms. Scankeeny said the flooring at Trace Park has come up and there are wasp nests that are underneath the tile and kids have been stung in the past. Mr. Novacich said that Trace Park is on the list to get a new playground in the next couple years. He said that the problem is being monitored and maintenance has been out there to spray. Mr. Repay suggested that a professional is sent to take care of the wasps.

The Board decided to have the next meeting at the Schererville Community Center and to hold a study session at 5pm.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to hold the July 6 meeting and study session be held at the Schererville Community Center. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Repay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (5-0).

Next Park Board meeting will be held on July 6, 2022.

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