

The Regular Park Board Meeting of the Town of Schererville, Indiana was called to order by President Repay at 7:30 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: Ed Repay, Tom Malinowski, Brad Bassick, and Joe Skvarek. Staff members present: Superintendent John Novacich, Attorney Alfredo Estrada, Clerk Treasurer Janice Malinowski, and Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling.

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for September 11, 2018

Mr. Bassick made motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Mr. Novacich said the new registration software was launched and the new brochure was mailed out.

Mr. Novacich said he met with DNR, at the Teibel Property for a walk through on the grant project. He said the grant project should be closed out by the end of the year.

Mr. Novacich said the Bike Trail project is still in the process of finalizing the acquisition of the property. He said he is working on getting the licensing agreement with Canadian National. He also said he has a meeting with Norfolk Southern to finalize the mediation agreement they came to in the summer.

Mr. Novacich said that INDOT approved bundling Phase 2 & 3 of the Pennsy Trail.

Mr. Novacich also said the Department was granted the Community Tree Grant and the trees will be placed in various parks.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Any other from Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM D. Consider Recommendation to Town Council to Award Rohrman Park Fence Bid

Mr. Repay said he does not want to pass anything tonight, due to the bids still being under review by the Board and legal counsel. The Board members agreed.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to table the recommendation to the Town Council to award the Rohrman Park Fence bid until Park Board members, staff and legal counsel can review all the information. Attorney Alfredo Estrada suggested amending the motion to continue it until next month instead of tabling the recommendation.

Mr. Malinowski amended his motion to continue the recommendation onto next month's agenda. Mr. Bassick seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

Peter Biancardi, from 837 Jacobs Court in Dyer, with Fence Masters and Luigi Biancardi, from 17359 Camelot Drive in Lowell, with Fence Connection approached the Board to express concern on the some of the bids received. Attorney Alfredo Estrada advised the Board not to take any evidence outside of the bids and not to divulge any information at this time.

ITEM A. Consider Adoption of Resolution 2018-05 a Resolution Making a Preliminary Determination to Issue Bonds of the Park District of the Town of Schererville, Indiana

Mr. Repay said the resolution says that the Parks Department is going to borrow \$4.995 million for general purposes of the Department in the Town of Schererville. Attorney Alfredo Estrada clarified that the resolution is the Board making preliminary determination of Mr. Repay's statement and the Town Council would pass the ordinance. He further explained that this resolution is the Board determining that the bonds are needed for a specific project, in this case the Rohrman Park project, and it gives flexibility on where any remaining money can be spent.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-05 Preliminary Determination to Issue Bonds of the Park District of the Town of Schererville in the amount of \$4,995,000. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM B. Consider Adoption of Resolution 2018-06 Declaratory Resolution Approving Projects of the Park District of the Town of Schererville, Indiana

Mr. Repay asked for further clarification on the difference between the two resolutions. Attorney Alfredo Estrada said the Resolution 2018-05 says the Board needs bonds, Resolution 2018-06 is stating the adoption of the specific project the bonds are needed for. Mr. Novacich said the Resolution 2018-06 also says the Board will conduct a public hearing on November 7, 2018 at 6pm at the Town Hall at which time the Board will hear remonstrance from persons interested in or effected by the proceedings. Mr. Repay asked Attorney Alfredo Estrada if the public hearing can be on the agenda or if there needs to be a separate meeting. Attorney Alfredo Estrada said that it would be an item on the agenda.

Mr. Bassick made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-06 approving the projects of the Park District of the Town of Schererville Indiana. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM C. Consider Approval of Parcels 16, 34, 31, 32 for the Pennsy Greenway Trail with Recommendation to Town Council to Complete Purchases

Mr. Novacich said Parcels 16 and 34 have been appraised and a recommendation needs to be made to Town Council to proceed with the purchasing of those parcels. He said Parcels 31 and 32 are already owned by the Town and a recommendation needs to be made to Town Council to accept the amount that the parcels were appraised.

Mr. Bassick made a motion to recommend to the Town Council to complete the purchasing of Parcels 16, 34, 31, 32 for the Pennsy Greenway Trail. Mr. Malinowski seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM E. Consider Acceptance of DLZ CE Agreement for Pennsy 2 & 3

Mr. Novacich said the Pennsy Phase 2 letting schedule is behind, therefore he asked INDOT if the letting deadline could be pushed back to March 2019 and if Phase 2 & 3 could be combined, to which they agreed. Mr. Novacich said he also asked INDOT if the same consultant selected for Phase 2 construction engineering could be used for Phase 3 and INDOT agreed to that as well. This agreement is for the construction engineering contract for Phase 2 and 3. Attorney Alfredo Estrada said he sent language to Mr. Novacich to include in this agreement that would replace and void the Phase 2 agreement.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to accept the DLZ Agreement for Pennsy Phase 2 and 3, not to exceed the amount of \$355,350.00, with consideration of the Attorney Alfredo Estrada brought up in discussion. Mr. Bassick seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM F. Any other from the Park Board

Attorney Alfredo Estrada said there is a bond timeline that the Board was supposed to approve.

Mr. Bassick made a motion to approve the timetable titled "Town of Schererville General Obligation Park District Bonds Series 2018 Planning Calendar" drafted on October 1, 2018. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

Mr. Bassick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Malinowski.

Next Park Board meeting will be held on November 7, 2018.

JOE SKVAREK
PARK BOARD SECRETARY

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