

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, Ed Repay, Tom Malinowski, Joe Skvarek, and Nicole Kelly. Staff members present: Superintendent John Novacich, Assistant Superintendent Irene Mireles, Recreation Director Joshua Barnes, Facilities Supervisor Karley Morris, Attorney Christian Bartholomew, Councilwoman Robin Arvanitis, and Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling.

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for March 7, 2023

Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Mr. Barnes briefly went over past events, as well as upcoming events. He also discussed the numbers so far for summer programs.

Ms. Morris discussed field rentals and plans for the concession for the upcoming 2023 season.

Ms. Mireles mentioned the internal items she and Mr. Novacich are working on, such as budgets and spending.

Ms. Bohling reported on the community center and picnic shelter rentals.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. NICK Foundation Special Event Request

Nicole Yarrow, from the NICK Foundation, approached the Board to request the use of Redar Park on September 10, 2023. The event will be the same as previous years with a 5K run and 3K walk and a small festival in the park.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to approve the special event request from the NICK Foundation for Redar Park on September 10, 2023.

Mr. Malinowski asked if there was discussion on waiving fees. Mr. Skvarek responded that there was no request for waiving fees, Ms. Yarrow said there was supposed to be a request included. Mr. Bassick stated that for now the Board will approve the request for the use of the park, but will need a separate request to waive the fees. Ms. Yarrow said she would send a request for the Board to approve at the next meeting.

Mr. Repay seconded Mr. Malinowski's motion to approve the event. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Any other from the Park Board

Ms. Kelly asked if there was any thoughts or discussion about next steps for the Illiana Property. Mr. Bassick mentioned that he met with the President of

the Northern League and the owner of the Lake County Corndogs. He shared the information that came from that meeting.

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Approval of Park Special Event Request – Tri-Town Safety Village

Bill Jarvis, from the Safety Village, approached the Board to request use of Rohrman Park for the Safety Village's 2nd Annual Car Show and to request that the fees be waived. Mr. Bassick asked staff if a letter requesting fees to be waived was not included in the packet. Staff stated a fee waiver request was not sent. Mr. Bassick expressed concern about the amount of parking available at Rohrman if the participating cars are going to be parking in the parking lot. Mr. Jarvis said he would change his request to Redar Park. Mr. Novacich asked Ms. Mireles if there was a date at Redar available. Ms. Mireles responded that Saturday, July 15 would work. Ms. Mireles also stated that in looking at the emails between staff and Mr. Jarvis there was not a fee waiver request sent. Mr. Bassick asked Mr. Jarvis if he could send a letter to staff to be approved at the next Board meeting. Mr. Jarvis responded he would send a letter to staff.

Mr. Repay made a motion to approve Tri-Town Safety Village special event request for Redar Park on Saturday, July 15. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Consider Acceptance of Beer Garden Proposal – Fireworks

Mr. Novacich said that the proposal from Region Ale is the only one that received and is the same as previous years.

Mr. Repay made a motion to accept the beer garden proposal from Region Ale for the fireworks event, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM C. Discuss Autumn Creek Playground

Mr. Novacich presented the options 1 and 2 for the playground to the Board. After some discussion, the Board decided to move forward with Option 1, a few adjustments

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to allow staff to move forward with Option 1, pending any adjustments approved by the Board. Ms Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM D. Any other from Park Board NONE

Mr. Repay expressed concern about the Board waiving fees as much as they do. He believes that the Board needs to take a serious look at the fee reduction guidelines and be in agreement on the amount they should be willing to waive in a year. The Board agreed that this should be discussed in a study session later in the year.

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

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

Next Park Board meeting will be held on May 3, 2023, at 6pm.

TOM MALINOWSKI
PARK BOARD SECRETARY

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