

The Regular Park Board Meeting of the Town of Schererville, Indiana, was called to order by President Brad Bassick, at 5:03 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, Attorney Alfredo Estrada, Facilities Supervisor Karley Morris, acting as Recording Secretary and Councilwoman Robin Arvanitis. Staff Members not present: Assistant Superintendent Irene Mireles and Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling.

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for June 7, 2023

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

THEREUPON, Celebrate Schererville Parade Awards

The award winners were presented to the Board.

THEREUPON, Approval of Candy Donations

Mr. Novacich said the candy donations are for the Hocus Pocus Helicopter Candy Drop.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the candy donations, seconded by Mr. Repay. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

Mr. Novacich said there was correspondence he received regarding a public hearing for a homeowner that was putting up a fence that is near the Teibel Property, however it did not affect our property.

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Mr. Novacich went over the Carnival Ticket Sales Charts for the Festival. He also discussed past and upcoming events and programs.

Mr. Novacich said the new park equipment for Trace Park and the removal and installation will begin soon.

Mr. Repay asked Mr. Novacich how the softball tournament went. Mr. Novacich responded that overall the concessions made approximately \$5,800.00 Mr. Repay asked if there were parking issues, since Schererville Baseball also had an event. Ms. Morris said the parking lot was a little cramped, but no major issues arose.

THEREUPON, Old Business NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Request by Emberly's Smiles

Amy, from 923 Galloway Street, in Crown Point, Melissa, from 924 Galloway Street, Crown Point, and Rachel, from 701 South Street, Crown Point, approached the Board, on behalf of Emberly's Smiles to request approval to install communication boards at Schererville Park playgrounds. These boards help special needs children communicate the activity they wish to do while at the park. Emberly's Smiles, a non-profit organization, will pay from their own funds to install the first 3 signs and then will reach out to local businesses to sponsor more.

After some discussion, the Board decided to have signs put up at Redar, Rohrman, Stephen, and Plum Creek Parks.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to approve the Emberly's Smiles Signs to be installed at Redar, Stephen, Rohrman, and Plum Creek Parks, with direction from staff. Mr. Repay seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Consider Approval of Park Board Resolution 23-01
Recommending Update of Park Impact Fee

Mr. Novacich said the resolution is a recommendation from the Park Board to the Town Council to accept the updated impact fee. He said the recommended fee is the same as the currently fee.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve Resolution 23-01 recommending an update of the park impact fee, seconded by Ms. Kelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM C. Any other from Park Board

Mr. Skvarek said he would like to discuss the possibility of pickleball leagues at the next study session.

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

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

Next Park Board meeting will be held on August 2, 2023, at 6pm.

TOM MALINOWSKI
PARK BOARD SECRETARY

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