

The Regular Park Board Meeting of the Town of Schererville, Indiana was called to order by President Ed Repay at 6:15 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, and Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling.

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for December 5, 2018

Mr. Repay made an amendment to the minutes.

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

THEREUPON, Election of Officers

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to nominate officers as follows:

President	Brad Bassick
Vice President	Tom Malinowski
Treasurer	Ed Repay
Secretary	Joe Skvarek

Mr. Repay suggested Mr. Skvarek be treasurer since he was secretary last time.

Mr. Malinowski amended his motion to:

Treasurer	Joe Skvarek
Secretary	Ed Repay

Mr. Bassick seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to nominate Ed Repay as Liaison to the Park Foundation, seconded by Mr. Repay. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Repay made a motion to retain Burke & Costanza Law Firm, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

Mr. Novacich said there is a letter from the Department of Natural Resources Division of Outdoor Recreation addressed to himself and former Board President Ed Repay. The letter said that the project has been closed out and reflects that the final reimbursement was received for the grant in the amount of \$52,680.38. The letter also described some post grant requirements regarding inspection and maintenance. Mr Novacich said there is one item left that Attorney Estrada was working on with Attorney Austgen, getting some encumbrance language on the right of way by Deer Creek.

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Mr. Novacich briefly went over year-end Community Center Rentals and Dog Park Reports.

THEREUPON, Old Business NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Redar Park Usage Request – Nick Foundation

Donna Criner, from 44 W. Elizabeth Drive, Schererville, approached the Board on behalf of the Nick Foundation to request use of Redar Park for their annual fundraiser. She said there are a few new things this year, one being Orange Theory is donating their time to organize the 5K walk/run, which will start on the trail by Redar Park. Another change this year, is they are working on getting a live band. Ms. Criner said that in previous year's this event has been on the day after the Wurstfest and the Showmobile has been at the park from that event, but the Foundation did not use it. However, they would like to use the Showmobile this year for the band, but would they have to rent it because there will not be a Wurstfest. Ms. Criner said the band they are trying to get is a local church's contemporary Christian band, however the band cannot move their drums or sound system however, she has been in contact with some local music stores that are possibly willing to donate or rent the equipment needed. She said if she is able to secure the band for the event she would like to try to negotiate on the rental fee. Ms. Criner said she would also like to have a beer garden operated by Pokro Brewing. The owner had a fundraiser for the Foundation last September and she would like to be able to involve him. She said the owner does have a concession license. Ms. Criner also asked if she could have two of the food vendors use the concession stand to serve food.

Mr. Novacich asked if the runners will cross Cline. He said in order to get a 5K on the trail they would have to cross Cline or the runners would have to turn around by the trails intersection with Cline and then come back and go around the park once. Ms. Criner said that Orange Theory is going to plan the route. Mr. Novacich said that if the runners are going to cross Cline or use streets within the neighborhood by Redar, Ms. Criner would have to get with public works and the police department.

Ms. Criner asked how the Board felt about the event having a beer garden. Mr. Novacich asked where she would like to have the beer garden in her layout. She said that she would have by the basketball court where the Town would have the beer garden for the Celebrate Schererville Fest.

Mr. Repay asked Ms. Criner how much she paid last year. Ms. Criner said it was \$150.00 without the showmobile and concession stand.

Mr. Repay made a motion for Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation to secure the date of September 8, at Redar Park from 10am-6pm, pending further discussion on the live band, run/walk, and beer garden. Mr. Malinowski seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM B. Any other from the Park Board

Mr. Novacich said the governor had announced \$90 million for the Next Level Trail Program, which is funding for trails statewide. He said he would like the Board to give him permission to pursue putting in a grant application. The first round is awarding \$25 million and the application for that is due February 15. Mr. Novacich said that he has had a meeting with DLZ and Lake County Parks about a joint application for the grant. The money would be put towards the acquisition process of land that would expand the trail from Rohrman Park to the Corporate Boundary to the east end of Clark Street.

Mr. made a motion to approve the Park Department to submit a grant for the addition to the Pennsy Trail extension, seconded by Mr. Repay. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Business from the floor

Steve Hurt, Vice President of Schererville Girls Softball, approached the Board to request renewal of the contract. Attorney Alfredo Estrada said the agreement entered into last was slightly different from previous years and that he would be happy to review the agreement and get back to Mr. Hurt. Mr. Novacich said the Board usually takes action on renewing the contract in February or March. He said that what the usage would be and what parks they are wanting to use would have to be defined, since Rohrman Park will not be available due to the renovation. Mr. Hurt said he is looking for all available fields. Mr. Novacich suggested the Board have a study session. Mr. Bassick said he thought that would be best to because of some additional considerations to be made in regards to some of the new facilities that will be at some of the parks, as well as have attorney advisement. Mr. Malinowski said that if Mr. Hurt could give the Board some numbers as far as participants that would help.

Mr. Repay made a motion to schedule a study session at 5pm on February 6, before the reguarly scheduled meeting, to discuss use of Rohrman and Girls Softball prosposal on Rohrman usage and the Nick Foundation. Mr. Malinowski seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0)

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

Next Park Board meeting will be held on February 6, 2019.

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