

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

THEREUPON, Approval of Minutes for April 4, 2018 meeting

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

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Mr. Novaich said Dyer Construction started working a Teibel Nature Park again and are expected to finish by the end of May. He also said that Ristich paving started the trail extension at Stephen Park.

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Any other from the Park Board

Mr. Novacich asked Attorney Alfredo Estrada if there were any modifications to the lease with Northwest Indiana Church of Christ. Attorney Alfredo Estrada said the only change was the 60-day termination notice instead of 90-day termination notice.

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Approval for Skate Park Fundraiser

Jeff Selinski, from Driftwood Collective, approached the Board to request the use of the skate park for a fundraiser. Mr. Selinski said the money raised will be given to the Parks Department to be used for the maintenance of the skate park. He said that he usually brings a grill to make hot dogs for everyone. Mr. Novacich said there is no access to electricity. Mr. Selinski asked if he would be able to bring a generator. Mr. Novacich said that would be fine. Mr. Repay asked Mr. Novaich if there was anything at Redar Park that would cause any conflict, such as parking. Mr. Novacich said there is the God Water 5K, but the route goes the opposite way of the skate park and the event should be done by 12pm. Attorney Alfredo Estrada told Mr. Selinski some changes that needed to be made to the waiver.

Mr. Bassick made a motion to allow Driftwood the use of the skate park on May 19, from 11am to dusk, pending the changes to the accident waiver and release of liability form as advised by Attorney Estrada. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM B. Consider Acceptance of DLZ Supplemental Agreement No. 4 –  
Pennsy Trail

Trisha Nugent, from DLZ, approached the Board to discuss Supplemental Agreement No. 4. Mr. Novacich said that the supplement is part of the Wetland Mitigation Agreement. He said INDOT is requiring some additional investigation. Ms. Nugent said that as part of the environmental documentation for any federally funded project there has to be an archaeological investigation and there is a new site that has not been investigated. She said a quote for the investigation was obtained and it is higher than normal because the land is undeveloped. However, she and Mr. Novacich had gone to the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission to request additional funding that they were granted. Ms. Nugent said the federal government will pay for 80% of the cost as reimbursement. Attorney Alfredo Estrada asked Ms. Nugent if she had made the corrections he had recommended to her via email. Ms. Nugent said that she did and if the Board did not have the correct copy she could send them one.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to accept DLZ Supplemental Agreement No. 4 with the addition of \$5,967.00 and corrections suggested by Attorney Alfredo Estrada. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM C. Consider approval of Showmobile request – St. Michael’s Fun Fest

Mr. Repay asked if the request is the same as previous years. Mr. Novacich yes, they will be charged the non-for-profit fee of \$500.00.

Mr. Bassick made a motion to approve St. Michael’s Church using the Showmobile on August 3 & 4, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM C. Any other from Park Board

Tom Consenza, Pastor of Hope Church in Griffith, approached the Board to request the use of Redar Park, on July 1, for a picnic for Hope Church and three sister churches. Mr. Novacich asked how many people he was anticipating. Mr. Consenza said last year there was about 250. He said that most people will be coming around noon after the services are done and will be done by 4pm. He also said that they will be having a bounce house for the kids. Mr. Novacich said they will need to provide a certificate of insurance naming Town of Schererville as the certificate holder from the bounce house company. Mr. Novacich said Mr. Consenza would also have to get a shelter permit. Mr. Novacich asked Mr. Consenza if they will use any other facilities. Mr. Consenza said there was a pick-up game at the softball field.

Mr. Bassick made a motion to approve the request from Hope Church to use Redar Park shelter on July 1, from 12-4pm, pending obtaining a shelter permit and a certificate of insurance from the bounce house company. Mr. Malinowski seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Novacich told Mr. Consenza that the fee would be \$300.00.

Mr. Novacich told the Board there was five letters of interest, in response to the RFP posted on the INDOT website. He said there is not a firm selected to perform construction engineering for the project that Ms. Nugent was referring to, Phase II of Pennsy Greenway Trail. The Board will have to read through the proposals given to them and score them. The scores will then need to be averaged out and the final decision will be determined by whoever gets the highest total average score. Mr. Novacich said the scoresheets will be due by Friday, May 11.

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

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

Next Park Board meeting will be held on June 6, 2018.

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JOE SKVAREK  
PARK BOARD SECRETARY