

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, Tom Malinowski, Ed Repay, and Joe Skvarek. Staff members present: Superintendent John Novacich, Attorney Alfredo Estrada, Administrative Coordinator Irene Mireles, Councilwoman Robin Arvanitis, Councilman Caleb Johnson, Councilman Tom Schmitt and Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling.

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for December 2, 2020

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Election of Officers

Mr. Repay made a motion to retain office of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary the same, as well as Liaison to the Park Foundation, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Malinowski made a motion for Burke, Constanza, and Carberry to continue as legal counsel to the Park Board, seconded by Mr. Repay. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Approval of Donations

Mr. Novacich said the donations from Eva Lambert for \$809.00 and Mladen Stjelia for \$810.00 are both for benches in memory of family members. Both benches will be placed along the Pennsy Trail: one by Plum Creek Park and the other behind the Trek Bike Store.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve both donations, seconded by Mr. Repay. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Ms. Mireles went over the accomplishments of 2020 for the Department.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Any other from Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Approval of NSA Tournament Agreement Request

Karl Swihart, Indiana State Director for National Softball Association approached the Board to discuss the tournament request and to request a fee reduction. Mr. Malinowski asked Mr. Swihart if maintenance of the fields during the tournament will be solely the Departments responsibility or if he would provide support for that. Mr. Swihart said he would like to have a maintenance person from the Parks Department to at least drag the fields and he can provide someone to chalk the fields if need be. Mr. Skvarek asked Mr. Swihart if he

foresees any issues with parking. Mr. Swihart said that he had been to the facility and he does not see an issue with it. Mr. Skvarek asked if there would be a charge for parking and/or an entrance fee. Mr. Swihart said the teams pay a gate fee that is built into their tournament fee and then anyone can come watch the games. Mr. Novacich said that because of COVID-19, Lake County may require a plan to be submitted. Mr. Swihart said that can be done.

Mr. Repay made a motion to accept Indiana NSA tournament requests at Rohrman Ballfield on April 30-May 2 and June 25-27, for a reduced fee of \$2,160.00 per tournament, as recommended by staff. Mr. Malinowski amended the motion for staff to track costs related to these tournaments.

Attorney Estrada recommended a new motion be made to adopt the NSA proposal as recommended by staff, with the conditions that staff track the cost and that Mr. Novacich review NSA's COVID-19 Waiver and include Town of Schererville employees and officers. Mr. Repay made a motion as recommended by Attorney Estrada, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM B. Any other from the Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the floor

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Repay. All in favor (4-0).

Next Park Board meeting will be held on February 3, 2021.

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