

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, and Joe Skvarek. Staff members present: Superintendent John Novacich, Administrative Coordinator Irene Mireles, Attorney Christian Bartholomew, and Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling. Board Members not present: Ed Repay.

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for May 5, 2021

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (3-0).

Mr. Bassick said the Board will skip to New Business due to time constraints.

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Approval of Lake Hills Usage Request

Adam Landkrohn, from 5037 W. 89<sup>th</sup> place in Schererville and Bob Vercel, from 40 Pine Street in Schererville, approached the Board to request use of the basketball courts at Redar on August 7, for Lake Hills' Annual 3-on-3 Tournament. Mr. Landkrohn also requested waiver of fees. Mr. Skvarek asked what age groups will be in the tournament. Mr. Landkrohn said 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls in the morning and 7<sup>th</sup> grade to men's division in the afternoon. Mr. Bassick asked if there will be any food vendors. Mr. Landkrohn said that he had considered that, but is still unsure. Mr. Novacich said it would be better if the food trucks were self-contained. Mr. Skvarek said his concern is people fighting during the event. Mr. Landkrohn said he is planning to speak with two officers that have participated in the tournament before. Mr. Skvarek suggested to the Board that the fee be waived with the condition that there will be officers present during the event.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the request from Lake Hill's to use the Redar basketball courts on August 7, waive the event fee, and to reduce the court fee from \$160.00 to \$100.00, with the condition that a police officer will be hired to be present on from 1:00pm to 9:00pm.

Mr. Malinowski made an amendment to the motion that Lake Hill's work with staff on any additional items, such as food truck approval. Mr. Skvarek seconded the amendment. All in favor (3-0).

Mr. Malinowski seconded the motion as a whole. All in favor (3-0).

ITEM B. Consider Approval of Schererville Lion's Request

Tim Arvanitis, from 5700 Phillips Road in Schererville, approached the Board on behalf of the Schererville Lion's Club, to request usage of the shelter at Rohrman Park during the Park Department's Fireworks Event, as they have done in years past. Mr. Arvanitis also requested that the shelter fee be waived, as well.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to accept the Schererville Lion's Club request to use Rohrman Park shelter during the Fireworks Event on July 2 and to waive the shelter fee. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (3-0).

ITEM C. Consider Fire Dept. vs. Police Dept. Rohrman Field Request

Officer Chris Lopez, from 415 Ben Drive in Schererville, to request the usage of Rohrman Park ballfields on Saturday, October 23 for the Annual Fire vs. Police softball game. Mr. Lopez also requested that there be no other games or practices occur on the fields they are not using. Mr. Novacich said that Officer Lopez previously had mentioned serving alcohol and asked if that was something they still wanted to request. Officer Lopez said if able they would like to have alcohol. Mr. Bassick said that he is ok with allowing them to have alcohol. Mr. Malinowski asked if there was an event fee for this event. Mr. Novacich said there is no event fee and that the fee would be what it is to rent the field. Mr. Novacich asked Office Lopez how many people he expects to attend. Officer Lopez said that at the last one that was two years ago he counted 60 people, however every year more people attend.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to accept the field request for the Fire Department vs. Police Department on October 23, 2021 and waive all fees. Mr. Malinowski seconded the motion. All in favor (3-0).

Mr. Malinowski made an amendment to the motion to make a recommendation to the Town Council to allow alcohol to be served at this event, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (3-0).

ITEM D. Consider Approval of Playground Equipment Purchases

Mr. Malinowski made a motion that the playground and surfacing for Fox Run Park and Lake of the Meadows Park be purchased from HGAC, as the lowest bidder for \$265,857.00. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (3-0).

ITEM E. Any other from the Park Board

Mr. Malinowski made a motion that staff get the bids for the new Rohrman Park playground design, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (3-0).

Mr. Malinowski made a motion for staff to look into the preliminary engineering to remove the softball field at Redar Park and replace with a splash pad. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (3-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Mr. Novacich said he included a fund report for the Park Bond.

Ms. Mireles went over concession stand sales for the month of May.

Mr. Novacich went over upcoming events for the month of June, such as the Festival, Party in the Park, and Schererville Market.

Mr. Novacich said the baskets for the Disc Golf Course are due to arrive in two weeks.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Review of Redar and Biedron Parking

Mr. Bassick said these items were discussed in the study session prior to the meeting. He said in the discussion it was decided that parking at Biedron Park

would be very expensive and not cost effective due to soil work needed and foundations that would have to be put in place. Mr. Bassick said adding parking to Redar would not require that extra work, can be done for a reasonable price, and would be beneficial to the park.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion for staff to move forward with adding parking to Redar Park, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (3-0).

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to table the Biedron Parking project for further review by staff and engineering, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (3-0).

ITEM B. Any other from Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the floor

Mary Lynn Janik, 2701 Autumn Drive, approached the Board to express her discontent with the new Rohrman Fields being locked from public use despite tax payer money being used to develop and maintain the property.

Dennis Knowles, from 1500 Doral Drive, approached the Board to ask if Pickle Ball courts could be put in a park. After some discussion the Board said they would look into it.

The Board decided to hold the July meeting on July 7, at the Community Center, at 5pm.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (3-0).

Next Park Board meeting will be held on July 7, 2021.

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