

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, Ed Repay, Joe Skvarek, Nicole Kelly and Jen Wilson. Board Members not present: Jen Wilson. Staff members present: Superintendent John Novacich, Assistant Superintendent Irene Mireles, Facilities Supervisor Karley Morris, Recreation Director Joshua Barnes, Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling, Attorney Christian Bartholomew, and Councilwoman Robin Arvanitis.

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for December 5, 2024

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2024 meeting, seconded by Ms. Kelly. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Election of Officers

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to nominate the current slate for 2025 officers, as follows:

President	Brad Bassick
Vice President	Ed Repay
Treasurer	Joseph Skvarek
Secretary	Nicole Kelly

Mr. Repay seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Repay made a motion to appoint Jen Wilson as the Liaison to the Park Foundation, seconded by Ms. Kelly. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to nominate Burke, Costanza, and Carberry as Park Board Attorney. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Mr. Barnes discussed upcoming events in 2025.

Ms. Morris said she is working on getting 2025 programs onto the online catalog. She also said dog park registration for the new year has opened up and field rentals will open at the end of the month.

Ms. Mireles said she will have final numbers for 2024 at next month's meeting. She also said she had a meeting regarding Christmas lighting for the Christmas Tree Lighting event for 2025.

Ms. Bohling reported that room rentals finished 2024 with 118 rentals.

Ms. Novacich reported on a numbers and stats for 2024 and said there will be more in depth report at next month's meeting

THEREUPON, Old Business NONE

THEREUPON,           New Business

ITEM A.           Consider Approval of Donation Request – St. Michael’s School

Mr. Novacich said there was a similar request last year for a donation of a dog park pass for 2025, as well as a large shelter rental request at Redar Park, for a silent auction event. Ms. Kelly asked what the monetary value of these donations would be. Ms. Morris said the dog park pass would be up to \$100.00. Ms. Bohling said the shelter rental would be \$180.00.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the donation request from St. Michael’s for a 2025 dog park pass and large shelter rental. Mr. Repay seconded the motion (5-0).

ITEM B.           Consider Acceptance of Fireworks Proposal

Mr. Novacich said the proposal is for this year’s fireworks event, scheduled for June 27, 2025. He said the proposal is the same as last year, except the cost increased from \$31,000.00 to \$32,000.00.

Mr. Repay made a motion to accept the proposal from Mad Bomber for the fireworks event on June 27, 2025, for \$32,000.00. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM C.           Consider Acceptance of 2025 Schererville Soccer Lease

Mr. Novacich said this year’s lease is based on the discussions that were held last month during the study session. The terms of the lease are the same as last year’s lease. Mr. Bassick requested that a note be made that about an increase in cost for next year.

Ms. Kelly made motion to accept the the 2025 Schererville Soccer Lease, seconded by Ms. Wilson. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM D.           Any other from Park Board

Mr. Novacich said there was discussions with staff and Girls’ Softball about increasing the fee for at least the next 3 years. The 2025 lease will be for \$3,900.00. Mr. Novacich said the rest of the terms are the same.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to authorize staff to send a 2025 lease agreement to Schererville Girls Softball, in the amount of \$3,900.00. Mr. Repay seconded the motion.

THEREUPON,           Business from the floor           NONE

Ms. Kelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Wilson. All in favor (5-0).

Next Park Board meeting is on February 5, 2025 at 6pm.

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NICOLE KELLY  
PARK BOARD SECRETARY

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