

The Regular Park Board Meeting of the Town of Schererville, Indiana, was called to order by President Brad Bassick at 5:30 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, Administrative Coordinator Irene Mireles, Attorney Christian Bartholomew and Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling. Board members not present: Nicole Kelly. Staff members not present: Attorney Christian Bartholomew.

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for November 2, 2022

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Repay. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Ms. Bohling went over room rental and picnic shelter totals for 2022.

Mr. Novacich gave an update on the Bike Trail Project.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Any other from the Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2022-01 Activity Fee Schedule

Mr. Novacich said that the Attorney Bartholomew drafted the resolution. The Board briefly discussed some of the changes with the Staff.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-01 Activity Fee Schedule, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM B. Consider Extension of Fireworks Agreement

Mr. Novacich said the agreement is for the 2023 Fireworks on June 30, 2023. He said the agreement and amount are the same as last year.

Mr. Repay made a motion to accept the agreement for the June 30, 2023 Fireworks Show by Mad Bomber. Mr. Malinowski seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM C. Consider Extension of Parking and Access Agreement – St. George Hellenic Orthodox Church

Mr. Novacich said he was in further contact with Andy Esfakis, who was the past president on St. George's Board. They came to the agreement on a one year extension, since the current agreement was going to expire and the discussion of a multi-year agreement was being deferred. Mr. Novacich said the terms are the same, but it is only for one year instead of multiple.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to approve the extension of the Parking and Access Agreement with St. George Hellenic Church, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM D. Any other from Park Board

Mr. Repay said he was looking back at projects discussed in the past that have not been discussed in for some time. He said that some of these projects should be reviewed again. Some of the projects are:

1. The fishing dock at Teibel Nature Preserve flooding. Mr. Novacich said there is work that the county needs to do with the ditches out there before any improvement can be made.

Attorney Alfredo Estrada arrived for Attorney Bartholomew, at 5:45pm.

2. Adding parking at Redar Park. Mr. Novacich said parking will be added off of South Park by the ballfield as part of the road improvement. Mr. Novacich said that there will be some striping on Pershing.
3. A proposed idea from Councilman Caleb Johnson for a bike track. Mr. Bassick said his memory of the conversation was that it was something the Board said could be discussed in the future. He said there were questions about how much it was going to cost and how much it was going to be used and there was no clear answer. Mr. Novacich said there was an estimate from the designer, but that the best thing to do would be to reach out to some user groups and see how much interest there would be, since they are the ones that would typically maintain it.
4. Pickleball. Mr. Novacich said all the tennis courts have been striped for Pickleball. He said to build a dedicated court the location has been considered as there is an issue across the country with the noise level of the game. Mr. Bassick suggested placing courts at Illiana.

Mr. Repay also brought up Schererville Girls' Softball was soliciting the Town Council for funds. Mr. Repay said he listened to the Council meeting that this request was discussed and said there was another organization that the Board rents the park to, at a discount, also requesting the Council for funds and were granted those funds. Mr. Repay that there was a lot of effort made to ensure that a discount is given with fairness across the board. He suggested that this is discussed further and that discounts are no longer given.

The Board also discussed and agreed that Illiana Speedway and what the Board wants to happen with the property needs to be discussed in a study session.

The Board discussed a date for the next weekend and decided on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6pm.

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

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

Next Park Board meeting will be held on January 10, 2023.

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