

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

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for December 7, 2022

Ms. Kelly made a motion, to approve the minutes, from the December 7, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Election of Officers

Mr. Malinowski made a nomination for:

President	Brad Bassick
Vice President	Ed Repay
Treasurer	Joseph Skvarek
Secretary	Tom Malinowski
Liaison to Park Foundation	Nicole Kelly
Appointment of Attorney	Burke, Costanza, & Carberry

No other nominations were made. Mr. Skvarek seconded the nominations. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Mr. Novacich said the Lake County Park Department closed on the Serros property. Mr. Novacich said the county does not have a time frame for development of the property.

Mr. Novacich reported that he received a redesign from DLZ of the section of the Pennsy Trail that needs to be completed.

Ms. Bohling said Schererville Soccer paid for their lease agreement.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Any other from the Park Board

Ms. Kelly said she put together a survey for the Illiana Property. She said the Board had discussed this before, so she created one as a starting point, should the Board decide to put a survey out to the public.

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Acceptance of Park Impact Fee Update Proposal

Mr. Novacich said there are two proposals for an update of the Park and Recreation Impact Fee. He said the current fee expires January of next year and per Indiana code the fee must be updated every 5 years. In order to implement the new fee, there must be a study done, the proper approvals need to be given, and it must be adopted as an ordinance, 6 months prior to the implementation date.

Mr. Novacich explained the proposals he received from Lehman & Lehman and the Arsh Group. The Board asked for a recommendation. Based on price, and knowledge from drafting the previous Town studies, he recommended the Arsh Group.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion, for staff to move forward with the Arsh Group, for the Parks and Recreation Impact Fee Study, in the amount of \$26,255.00. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Novacich also added that there should be discussion about the Master Plan in the next study session.

ITEM B. Consider Approval of NSA Tournament Request.

Ms. Mireles presented the request and mentioned that the agreement is the same as last year. She included for the Board's review, a revenue and expense report from last year's tournament.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the NSA Tournament request for July 18-23, 2023, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM C. Any other from Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

Mr. Malinowski said he would like to recommend there be a study session before the next meeting.

The Board discussed a date for the next meeting.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to the hold the next meeting on February 13, at 6pm, preceded by a study session, at 5pm. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

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

Next Park Board meeting will be held on February 13, 2023.

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