

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, Joseph Skvarek, Nicole Kelly and Jen Wilson. Board Members not present: Ed Repay. Staff members present: Superintendent John Novacich, Assistant Superintendent Irene Mireles, Facilities Supervisor Karley Morris, Attorney Carolina Colomba, Councilwoman Robin Arvanitis and Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for December 3, 2025

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2025 meeting, seconded by Ms. Kelly. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Election of Officers

Mr. Skvarek made motion to maintain the slate as follows:

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

Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

Ms. Kelly made a motion for Ed Repay to be Liaison to the Park Foundation, seconded by Ms. Wilson. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to retain the attorneys for 2026, from Burke, Costanza, and Carberry, seconded by Ms. Kelly. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Ms. Mireles said she will have the reports for 2025 at the next meeting. She also discussed upcoming events.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Any other from the Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Approval of Tournament Request – Indiana NSA Midsummer Showdown.

Ms. Morris said we were unable to host them last year due to the tournament being during Fireworks, but they are requesting to come back. Mr. Skvarek asked if the fee is that same as previous years. Ms. Morris responded that one year they asked for a reduction, however they did not ask for one this

year. Therefore, the fee will be \$350.00 per field, per day and \$150.00 security deposit.

Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the Indiana NSA Midsummer Showdown, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM B. Consider Approval of Modern Midways Carnival Contract

Mr. Bassick asked if the agreement was the same as last year. Mr. Novacich said it is, with the exception of the daily wristband went up \$5.00 and the Mega Pass went up \$10.00. Mr. Bassick asked if this was a one-year contract. Mr. Novacich said it is a three-year contract. Ms. Kelly asked Mr. Novacich if this contract binds us to any particular rides to have at the fest. Mr. Novacich said it does not.

Ms. Wilson made a motion to accept the contract with Modern Midways for the next three years. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM C. Discussion of 2026 Lease Agreements – Girls Softball and Schererville Soccer

Robin Porter, from 8821 Clark Place, Crown Point, and Anthony Romano, from 606 Old Forge Road, Valparaiso, IN, approached the Board on behalf of Schererville Girls Softball. Ms. Morris said that the rent increase was based on previous discussions of gradually increasing until it was back to the pre-COVID rate of \$5,000.00. She said that in 2025, the rent was \$3,900.00, and recommended that it be raised to \$4,300.00. Mr. Romano asked if a section could be added to the lease that would allow them to hang sponsorship banners on the field fence at Stephen Park and Redar Park. After some discussion, the Board agreed they could hang banners at Stephen Park, but would need to consider Redar more. Attorney Colomba suggested also adding that the Board have discretion of if a banner can be placed on the fence, based on design and type of business. Mr. Novacich asked if this should be added as an addendum. Attorney Colomba said that it could be added as an addendum, but should also be mentioned in the contract itself. The Board agreed to wait to approve the agreement with Schererville Girls Softball, until next meeting, so a section about the banners could be added.

Phil Patrick, from 2720 Autumn Drive, and Diana Fry, from 1441 Madeline Grace Court approached the Board on behalf of Schererville Soccer. Ms. Morris said there were also discussions on raising the rent in increments to eventually get to \$7,000.00, however there was not an agreed upon timeline. Mr. Skvarek asked what was paid in the past couple years. Ms. Morris said they have been paying \$5,000.00. Mr. Bassick said the rent was not raised last year, but soccer was told that it would be raised this year. Ms. Morris provided spreadsheets to the Board that compared what soccer would be paying as a normal field rental based on their usage and the prices specified in the Town Ordinance. She also provided a spreadsheet estimating the Department costs for maintenance and staff. Mr. Bassick said based on the information provided he would suggest the rent fee be raised to \$5,600.00 or \$5,700.00. After some discussion, the Board decided the rent will be \$5,600.00 this year, \$6,200.00 in 2027, and reaching the goal of \$7,000.00 in 2028.

Ms. Wilson made motion to approve the Schererville Soccer lease for \$5,600.00, for 2026. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM D. Any other from the Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

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

Next Park Board meeting is on February 4, 2026 at 6pm.

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NICOLE KELLY  
PARK BOARD SECRETARY

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